

ANNUAL REPORT



**TOWN OF ASHLAND
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

INFORMATIONAL

TOWN OF ASHLAND – GRAFTON COUNTY

POPULATION – 2075

DATE OF INCORPORATION – 1868

LAT 43.695°N LON 71.631°W

ELEVATION 551'

TELEPHONE COMPANY – FAIRPOINT

CABLE – TIME WARNER

TOWN OFFICE – 20 HIGHLAND STREET

HOURS – MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4, THURS 8-5

WELFARE OFFICE HOURS – TUESDAYS 5:00 TO 7:00 pm

BUILDING INSPECTOR HOURS – MON, WED, & FRI 10:00 – 12:00 pm

ADMINISTRATION	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	968-4432
ASSESSING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
BUILDING PERMITS	BUILDING INSPECTOR	968-4432
BURN PERMITS	FIRE DEPARTMENT	968-7772
DOGS-LICENSING	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
DOGS – AT LARGE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
ELECTIONS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
VOTER REGISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
ELECTRIC SERVICE	ASHLAND ELECTRIC	968-3083
HEALTH OFFICER	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
TOWN LIBRARY	SCRIBNER LIBRARY	968-7928
VEHICLE REGISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
LAND USE – PLANNING/ZONING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
POLICE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
PARKS AND RECREATION	P/R DEPARTMENT	968-9209
RECYCLING	TRANSFER STATION	968-9032
ROAD MAINTENANCE	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	968-3166
SCHOOLS	ASHLAND ELEMENTARY	968-7622
	PLYMOUTH REGIONAL HS	536-1444
PROPERTY TAXES	TAX COLLECTOR	968-4432
VITAL RECORDS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT	BILLING OFFICE	968-4002
	TREATMENT PLANT	968-7193
WELFARE	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

FOOD PANTRY	COMMUNITY CENTER	968-9698
PEMI BAKER HOME HEALTH		536-2232
ASHLAND POST OFFICE		968-7511
FUEL ASSISTANCE – TRI COUNTRY CAP		968-3560

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WE REMEMBER.....

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done,
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days.

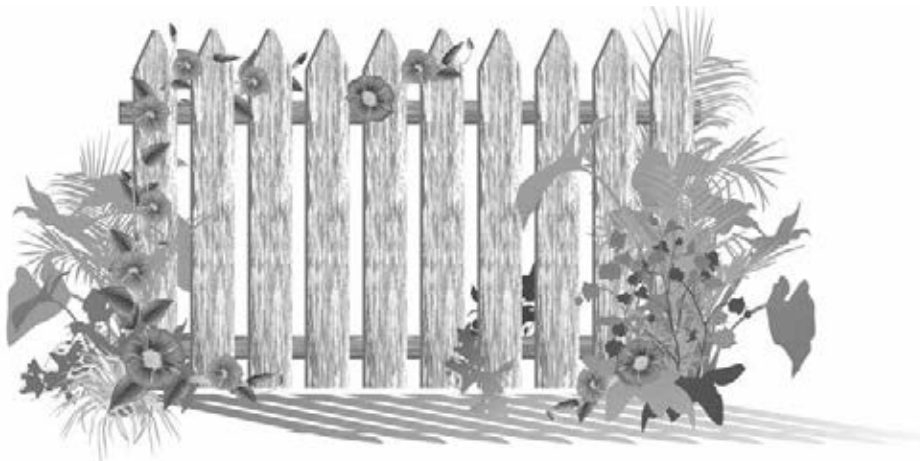
I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

~ Author Unknown

With fond memories we remember the citizens we have lost this year:

James Reera
Doris Barter
Winifred Clark
Laura Berglund
Spencer Hadlock
Margaret Swift
Susan Barney
Mary Ruell
Dorothy Downing
Paul Holt Sr
Richard Flanders
Steven Thibeault

Allison McKenna Tucker
Grace Mahar
Randolph Pierce
Roland Bourassa
Norma Cummings
Mark Hormell
Olga Szczebak
Lorraine Lyford
Eugene St Godard, Jr
Henry MacDonald
Carroll Cote



DEDICATION



Claire and Robert Hicks & April Mae

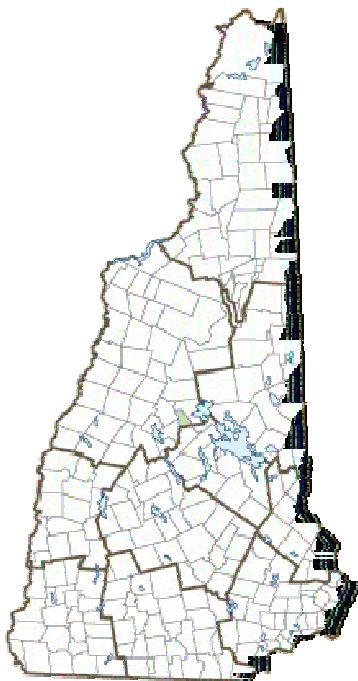
Robert (Bob) and Claire Hicks moved to Ashland from Hillsboro in 1986. Bob became welfare director in 1992. Claire would always help Bob with welfare by greeting the people at the counter and watching the children for the parents who where applying for assistance.

Bob became building inspector in 1994 and for the past few years his position has also included code enforcement officer. Bob would clean all of the private cemeteries in Ashland and fix the broken stones. Bob also served as health officer for many years.

Bob served on the ZBA, School Board, Joint Loss Committee, Budget Committee and on many other boards and committees in the town of Ashland. Bob retired June 26, 2013 from his employment with the town.

TOWN OF ASHLAND 2014 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Years Day	Wednesday	January 1, 2014
President's Day	Monday	February 17, 2014
Memorial Day	Monday	May 26, 2014
Independence Day	Friday	July 4, 2014
Labor Day	Monday	September 1, 2014
Columbus Day	Monday	October 13, 2014
Veterans' Day	Tuesday	November 11, 2014
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 27, 2014
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 28, 2014
Christmas	Thursday	December 25, 2014



Ashland, NH

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Municipal Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Thursday,
8 am - 5 pm

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Grafton
Plymouth NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 2
Grafton County Districts 9, 17

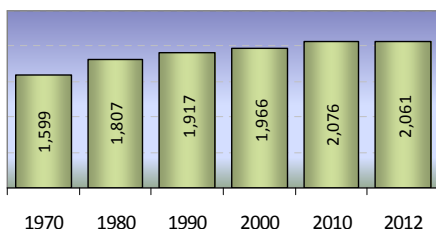
Incorporated: 1868

Origin: Once the southwest portion of Holderness known as the village section, Ashland was not incorporated until 1868. The name Ashland was in honor of the birthplace and Kentucky estate of Henry Clay, Secretary of State and Senator from Kentucky. The name was suggested by Colonel Thomas Cheney, who had been assistant Sargent-at-Arms in Congress during Clay's service in Washington, and an active participant in the formation of the Republican party in New Hampshire. The geographic center of New Hampshire is located three miles east of Ashland.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 885 residents in 1870

Population Trends: Population change for Ashland totaled 588 over 52 years, from 1,473 in



1960 to 2,061 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was a 13 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, the only decade that population increased over ten percent. The 2012 Census estimate for Ashland was 2,061 residents, which ranked 139th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 188.9 persons per square mile of land area. Ashland contains 11.0 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, February 2014. Community Response Received 5/08/2013

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2012		\$627,648	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2012		\$3,009,665	
Zoning Ordinance		1985/10	
Master Plan		1997	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Budget		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning		
Public Library	Ashland Town		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth		7 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Ashland Electric	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Ashland Water Department	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal		None	
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		BayRing; Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$21.98	
2012 Equalization Ratio		114.5	
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$24.93	
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		82.8%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		14.7%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.6%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2008-2012)	
Total Housing Units		1,281	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		686	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		330	
Five or More Units in Structure		221	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		44	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2012	2,061		89,181
2010	2,076		89,118
2000	1,966		81,826
1990	1,917		74,998
1980	1,807		65,806
1970	1,599		54,914
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2008-2012			
Population by Gender			
Male	692	Female	961
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			168
Age 5 to 19			157
Age 20 to 34			417
Age 35 to 54			320
Age 55 to 64			265
Age 65 and over			326
Median Age			40.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			90.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			26.8%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2008-2012)	
Per capita income			\$21,421
Median 4-person family income			\$48,226
Median household income			\$40,213
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$35,929
Female			\$26,208
Individuals below the poverty level			13.6%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2002	2012
Civilian labor force		1,087	1,065
Employed		1,040	1,001
Unemployed		47	64
Unemployment rate		4.3%	6.0%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2002	2012
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		183	257
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 483	\$ 708
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		489	451
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 481	\$ 579
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		672	709
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 482	\$ 626
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		87	87
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 504	\$ 700
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		759	796
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 484	\$ 634
If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.			

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Ashland operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, District: SAU
Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)**

Career Technology Center(s): **Plymouth Applied Technology Center** Region: **5**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	174			

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

2013 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **24**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Rochester Shoe Tree Co., Inc.	Shoe trees	90	1979
Freudenberg-NOK	Elastomeric seals & custom molded products	50	1949
Common Man	Restaurant	50	
Belletetes	Lumber sales	35	
Town of Ashland	Municipal services	21	

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	132, 175
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exit 24	
Distance	Local access	
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Plymouth Regional	Runway	2,380 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	52 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		55 miles
Portland, Maine		86 miles
Boston, Mass.		106 miles
New York City, NY		311 miles
Montreal, Quebec		217 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2008-2012*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	89.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	2.4%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	6.8%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	1.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.5 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2008-2012

Working in community of residence	21.1
Commuting to another NH community	78.3
Commuting out-of-state	0.6

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Loon, Waterville, & Ragged Mountains**

Other: **Little Squam Lake**

TOWN BOARDS AND OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	Jeanette I. Stewart, Chairman	2015
	Philip Preston, Vice-Chairman	2016
	Normand DeWolfe	2014
Town Administrator	Paul Branscombe	
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Crowell	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Patricia Tucker	2015
Dep. Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Anne Abear	
Town Treasurer	Linda Guyotte	2014
Dep. Town Treasurer	Linda Eastman	
Town Moderator	Roberta Hoerter	2014
Trustees of the Trust Funds	Thomas Peters	2015
	Richard Pare	2014
	Elliott Dupuis	2016
Library Trustees	Lynn Davis	2015
	David Ruell	2014
	Alice Staples	2016
Supervisors of the Checklist	Beverly Ober	2018
	Patti Bickford	2016
	Teri Linden	2014
Electric Commissioners	Roberta "Bobbi" Hoerter	2015
	Daniel Vaughn	2014
	Kendall L. Hughes	2016
Water & Sewer Commissioners	John C. Hughes	2015
	Robert Boyle	2014
	Alan Cilley	2016
Planning Board	Susan MacLeod	2015
	Frances Newton	2014
	Gordon McCormack Jr	2014
	Jeanette I Stewart (BOS Rep)	
	Elisabeth Cody	2015
	Alternate Anthony Randall	
	Alternate Cheryl Cox	
LRPC Representative	Gordon McCormack Jr	2015
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Elaine Allard	2016
	Don Latulippe	2014
	Robert Boyle	2014
	Michelle Fistek	2016
	Ellison Badger	2015
	Alternate Patricia Tucker	
Code Enforcement Officer	James VanValkenburgh	2015
Building Inspector	James VanValkenburgh	2015
Electrical Inspector	Duane "Butch" Smith	
Plumbing Inspector	Erik Ames	
Public Works Department	Timothy Paquette – Director	
	Raymond Dow	
	Daniel Thompson	
	George Chase	
Transfer Station	Richard Hutchinson	
	Douglas Ober	
Town Mechanic	Lee Huckins	
Park and Recreation Dept.	James Gleich – Director	

Police Department	Ashli Becker, Afterschool Aide Chief Anthony Randall Lt. Donald Marren Sgt. Daniel Hamilton Officer Bruce Cote Officer Ryan Beausoleil Part-Time Officer Gary Carter Jr Special Seth Learned Admn. Cecil Cooper Admn. Jamie Lyford	
Scribner Trustees	Richard Pare Thomas Peters Richard Ogden Elliott Dupuis Alfred Salvoni	
Conservation Commission	Daniel Stack Stacy Luke Gordon McCormack Jr Renee Liebert	2015
Health Officer	Frances Newton	2015
Welfare Director	Paul Branscombe, Deputy Suzanne McCormack	
Housing Standards Board	Paul Branscombe, Deputy Ellison Badger Kendall B Hughes Kathleen Mahar	2016 2014 2015
Electric Department	Health Officer Frances Newton Fire Chief Stephen Heath Superintendent Lee Nichols Joe Vittum Melvin Holland Linda Pack Karen Wheelock	
Water/Sewer Department	Utility Partners – Operator Russell Cross Jr – Manager Mark Daniels Kay Mudgett	
Joint Loss Management	Patricia Crowell Craig Moore Joe Vittum Timothy Paquette George Chase Daniel Hamilton	2015 2016
Memorial Park Trustees	Philip Preston Stephen Jaquith Ernest Hutter	2015 2014
Fire Department	Chief Stephen Heath Dep. Chief Timothy Joubert	
Emergency Management	Lee Nichols Paul Branscombe, Deputy	

Budget Committee	Mark Scarano	2015
	David Ruell	2015
	Christine Cilley	2016
	Sandra Coleman	2014
	Ingrid Heidenreich	2014
	Frances Newton	2016
	David Toth	2015
	Jeanette I Stewart, BOS ex officio	
	Miriam Brown, School Board ex officio	
	Normand DeWolfe, BOS alternate	
Capital Improvement Committee	Mardean Badger, School Board Alt.	
	Anne Abear	
	Stephen Felton	
	Susan MacLeod	
	Jeanette I Stewart	
Pemi Baker Solid Waste District	David Toth	
	Timothy Paquette	2015
	Paul Branscombe, Alternate	

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2012 PERAMBULATION OF TOWN BOUNDS

This is my third time "Perambulating the Town Bounds of Ashland". During this perambulation I was joined by Mr. Kenneth Mertz, the Selectboard Chairman from the Town of New Hampton. Mr. Mertz and I began our adventure on Saturday, October 6, 2012 with some fog and drizzle but it did not deter us in our efforts. Mr. Mertz and I were able to perambulate all 6 common stone bounds between Ashland and New Hampton in 1 day. The discs were stamped "**2012 A N**" for Ashland & New Hampton. I resumed my perambulation of the Town Bounds on October 20, 2012 and was joined by Tom Stepp as the Holderness representative. We managed to visit 8 stone bounds on that day. Mr. Stepp and I met again on October 27, 2012 and finished visiting the last 5 stone bounds common to Ashland & Holderness. The discs for bounds common to Ashland & Holderness were stamped "**2012 A H**". I also took GPS readings at all posts with a Garmin E-Trex Legend hand-held GPS unit, in an effort to confirm previous readings done in 2005. No major discrepancies were found. The latitude and longitude readings are for reference for general location and are not of "survey grade" for replacing a monument should one turn up missing. What follows is a list of the posts that we found during our mission.

POST #1

Location: Post is located on the easterly bank of the Pemigewasset River behind the Ashland Sewerage Treatment Facility and is northerly of the confluence of the Squam River and Pemigewasset River. Latitude N 43° 41' 05.2", Longitude W 71° 38' 50.8"

Description: 9"x14" Granite Post 3.6 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: **A**
South side of post: **N, 89**
East side of post: 1877, 84, 91, 98
West side of post: 1905, 12, 19, 26, 33, 56, 61, 67, 76, 91, 1998
Top of Post: disc marked 2005 A, **2012 A N**

Remarks: Riverbank starting to erode, should be reset.

POST #2

Location: Post is located at the former Town dump off of Route 132. Following the former dump roadway to its end, the post can be found just a short distance away. Latitude N 43° 41' 08.0", Longitude W 71° 38' 29.0"

Description: 12" x 5½" Granite Post is 0.8 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: **A, 61, 91, 1998**
South side of post: **N, H**
East side of post: No detectable markings
West side of post: 89
Top of post: 76. disc marked 2005 A, **2012 A N**

Remarks: Stone in good condition.

POST #3

Location: Post is located on the easterly side of Route 132, opposite the Beadle residence, approximately 230 feet north of the Old Dump road. Latitude N 43° 41' 09.1", Longitude W 71° 38' 19.9"

Description: Three-sided Granite Post, 12" x 12" x 12", 4.6 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: A, 91, 1998. disc marked 2005 A, **2012 A N**
Southeast side of post: H/N, 1856, 70, 77, 84, 91, 98
West side of post: 1905, 12, 19, 26, 33, 40, 47, 54, 61, 67, 76, 89

Remarks: Stone in good condition.

POST #4

Location: Post is located on the westerly side of Winona Road opposite the Paré House and just southerly of the KOA campground. Latitude N 43° 41' 16.2", Longitude W 71° 37' 17.8"

Description: 5" x 9" Granite Post, 3.4 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: H, 1870, 84, 91, 98, 05, 12, 19, 26
South side of post: N, 1877
East side of post: 67, 76, 91, 1998
West side of post: 33, 40, 47, 54, 61, 89
Top of post: disc marked 2005 A, **2012 A N**

Remarks: Stone in good condition.

POST #5

Location: Post is located on the easterly side of Lambert Road 0.1 mile from the intersection of Winona and Lambert Roads, beside a stone wall. Latitude N 43° 41' 28.0", Longitude W 71° 35' 27.6"

Description: 10" x 10" Granite Post 2.6 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: A, 61, 67, 76
South side of post: N
East side of post: No detectable markings
West side of post: 89, 91, 1998
Top of post: Set disc marked 2005 A, **2012 A N**

Remarks: Stone in good condition.

POST #6

Location: Post is located on the north side of Winona Road on the south-facing slope overlooking the Lambert Farm and Robert Boynton Farm. Start at the culvert 0.4 miles east of the intersection of Lambert and Winona Roads at the bottom of the hill. From the culvert header go about N27E uphill; stone is at the base of the ledges. This is the corner of Ashland,

Holderness, Center Harbor and New Hampton. Latitude N 43° 41' 31.0",
Longitude W 71° 34' 58.6"

Description: Truncated Stone Post 5 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: **A**, 1877, 85, 92, 05, 12, 91, 1998 (plus various unreadable dates);
South side of post: **C**, 1877, 05, 40, 96 (plus various unreadable dates);
East side of post: **H**, 1878, 92, 01, 08 (plus various unreadable dates);
West side of post: **N**, 1877, DKS, 91, 98, 1905, 12, 19, 26, 40, 47, 54, 61, 68, IF, 82, 89; disc marked 2005 A, **2012 A N**

Remarks: Stone in good condition.

POST #7

Location: Post is located off Leavitt Hill Road. Follow Leavitt Hill Road past the Stevens' place to the house at the end of the road. Just past the house, follow the old woods road for approximately one mile to the so-called "four corners." At the intersection there will be an old stone foundation off the north side of the road. From the intersection, walk back the way you came about 70 feet. The post is located on the north side of the road behind the stone wall. Latitude N 43° 42' 24.9", Longitude W 71° 35' 15.7"

Description: 16" x 10" Granite post 2 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: 1998
South side of post: 1885, 1967
East side of post: **H** 1878
West side of stone: **A**, 1892, 1913, 22, 30, 76
Top of post: disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**

Remarks: Should be stabilized.

POST #8

Location: Post is located off Leavitt Hill Road. Follow Leavitt Hill Road past the Stevens' place to the house at the end of the road. Go past the house and follow the old woods road for about 500 feet to the junction of a woods road running easterly to the old sawdust pile (which is no longer distinguishable) for approximately 1100 feet. Post is on the southerly side of the old road in front of a stone wall. Latitude N 43° 42' 41.4", Longitude W 71° 35' 37.9"

Description: 3-sided stone post, 12" x 12" x 12", 2.6 feet tall.

Markings: South side of post: 1991, 1998
East side of post: **H**, 1878, 1885, 1900 (?), 1906
West side of post: **A**, 1892, 1913, 22, 67, 76
Top of post: disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**

Remarks: Stone is in good condition.

POST #9

Location: Post is located off Leavitt Hill Road. Go up Leavitt Hill Road to Pease Road, following Pease Road to the end. Go through the break in the stone wall and take a left down the path to the Stevens' boat house; from the boat house go across the brook and follow along Squam Lake for a very short distance. Latitude N 43° 43' 01.4", Longitude W 71° 36' 03.0"

Description: 3-sided stone 14" x 14" x 14"; 4.4 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: **B**, 1885, 1892, 1899, 1906, 13, 22, 30, 67, 76
South side of post: **A**, 91, 1998
West side of post: **H**, 1878
Top of post: disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**

Remarks: Stone leaning southerly.

POST #10

Location: Post is located on the south side of Route 3 leading from Ashland to Holderness, on the beach of the Cottage Place on Squam Lake (formerly known as the Black Horse Motor Court). This post is 0.10 miles westerly of the junction of Routes 175 and 3.
Latitude N 43° 43' 26.6", Longitude W 71° 36' 35.8"

Description: 3-sided stone post 9" x 10" x 7", 2.4 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: 67, 76, 91, 1998; disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**
South side of post: **A/H**, 1878, 1885, 92, 1926 (plus various unreadable dates)
West side of post: No detectable markings

Remarks: Stone in good condition.

POST #11

Location: Post is located on Howe Road, approximately 0.15 miles northerly of the junction of Howe Road and Route 3. Stone is on the easterly side of the Howe Road in front of the Graton House. Latitude N 43° 43' 32.0", Longitude W 71° 36' 42.3"

Description: 8" x 7" stone post 2.6 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: **H/A**, 1878, 1889, 92, 99, 1906, 67
South side of post: 1998
East side of post: No detectable markings; disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**
West side of post: 1913, 1922 (?), 30, 91
Top of stone: 1976

Remarks: Stone in good condition

POST #12

Location: Post is located on land of Robert Howe off of Howe Road. See Grafton County Registry of Deeds Plan No. 5587 which shows this post. Latitude N 43° 43' 53.2", Longitude W 71° 37' 10.1"

Description: 3-sided stone post, 9" x 9" x 12", 2.7 feet tall

Markings: North side of post: 1892, 1906, 1913, 1922, 1991;
disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**
East side of post: 1930, 1998
West side of post: 1878, 1967, 1976

Remarks: Stone in good condition.

POST #13

Location: Post is located on the north side of Owl Brook Road 0.5 miles westerly from the intersection of Owl Brook Road and Route 175, and 0.75 miles east from the junction of Owl Brook Road and Hicks Hill Road. Latitude N 43° 44' 14.7", Longitude W 71° 37' 39.1"

Description: 7" x 7" stone 3.0 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: 1885
South side of post: **A/H**, 1922, 1967, 76
East side of post: 1878, 92
West side of post: 1991, 1998
Top of post: disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**

Remarks: In good condition.

POST #14

Location: Post is located on Hicks Hill about halfway between Route 175 and the top of Hicks Hill Road. This post is situated 63 feet east of an old logging road that comes out on Route 175 and is 0.3 miles east of the junction of Route 175 with Seven Pines Road. Latitude N 43° 44' 33.0", Longitude W 71° 38' 02.4"

Description: 6" x 4" stone post in a stone pile, 3.3 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: **H**, 1892, 1976
South side of post: **A**, 1998; disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**
East side of post: No detectable markings
West side of stone: No detectable markings
Top of stone: 1967, **F**

Remarks: This stone should be set into the ground as the stone pile is the only thing holding it in place.

POST #15

Location: Post is located on the southerly side of Route 175 just east of the junction of Seven Pines Road with Route 175. Latitude N 43° 44' 48.2", Longitude W 71° 38' 21.3"

Description: 8" x 6" stone post, 3.9 feet tall.

Markings: North side of stone: No detectable markings
South side of stone: 1991, 1998
East side of stone: disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**
West side of stone: No detectable markings

Remarks: This post was reported missing in 1967 by Mr. Charlie Flanders, but has apparently been perambulated from 1983 to the present, according to perambulation records for the town. The validity of this post as a legitimate town line marker may be in question, as we have no record of who may have reset this corner.

POST #16

Location: This post is located 0.10 miles west of the junction of Seven Pines Road with Route 175, northerly of Route 175. Follow the stone wall up the hill until you come to a flat wet area; corner is located on the northeasterly side of the wet area. Latitude N 43° 44' 56.3", Longitude W 71° 38' 31.2"

Description: 5" x 6" post, 3.3 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: No detectable markings
South side of post: A, 1892, 1906, 1913, 22, 30, 67, 76, 91, 1998
East side of post: **H**
West side of post: **H**, 87
Top of post: disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**

Remarks: Post is loose and should be stabilized.

POST #17

Location: Post is located on easterly side of Route 175 about 11 feet from the edge of pavement and is 0.2 miles southerly of the intersection of Route 175 and North Ashland Road. Latitude N 43° 44' 54.5", Longitude W 71° 39' 18.3"

Description: 6" x 9" stone post, 2.7 feet high.

Markings: North side of post: No detectable markings
South side of post: 1891, 1922, 1930, 67, 76
East side of post: 1991, 1998
West side of post: **H/A**, 1878, 1886, 1899, 1906, 1913
Top of post: disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**

Remarks: Stone is leaning towards road and should be straightened.

POST #18

Location: Beginning at the junction of Route 175 and North Ashland Road, travel southwesterly on North Ashland Road for 0.2 miles. Post is located about 25 feet southeasterly of the center line of the road. Latitude N 43° 44' 53.6", Longitude W 71° 39' 33.1"

Description: 7" x 4" stone post, 2.0 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**
 South side of post: 1967, 76, 91
 East side of post: 1892, 1998
 West side of post: **H, A**, 1878, 1913, 1922

Remark: Post is loose and should be stabilized.

POST #19

Location: Post is about 0.25 miles north of the North Ashland Road bridge, crossing Interstate 93. Post is located a few hundred feet east of the north-bound lane at the top of a steep ridge overlooking Milton Huckins' field. Latitude N 43° 44' 52.5", Longitude W 71° 39' 49.7"

Description: 7" x 4" stone post, 2.3 feet tall.

Markings: North side of post: No detectable markings
 South side of post: 1998; disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**
 East side of post: A, H, 1878, 92, 99, 1991
 West side of post: 1913, 192(?), 67, 76

Remarks: Corner is in good condition and is sturdy.

POST #20

Location: Post is west of Interstate 93 on the west side of Milton Huckins' field, about 18 feet from the field edge. This post is also about 10 feet east of the moat. From this post, I took magnetic compass bearing to the Radio Tower on Mount Prospect (N 62° E) and a compass bearing to Church Hill (S 35° E). Latitude N 43° 44' 50.9", Longitude W 71° 40' 10.9"

Description: 5 ½" x 5 ½" stone, 3.1 feet tall.

Markings: North side of stone: **H**, 1878, 1892, 1906, 1913, 67, 76
 South side of stone: **A**, 1991, 1998
 East side of stone: 1885; disc marked 2005 A, **2012 AH**
 West side of stone: 1930
 Top of stone: Marking not distinguishable

Remarks: Corner is in good condition and is sturdy.

POST #21

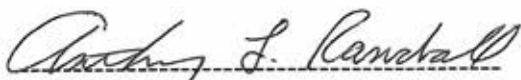
Location: *This corner was reported missing by Mr. Charlie Flanders in 1967. This corner was searched for during the two previous perambulations by me and was not searched for during this perambulation.*

Remarks: This post is still a question mark. Did it exist or is Post #20 the post at the river?? One thing is likely – the current river location is not in the same location as it was in 1868, based on the information contained in the original charter for the Town of Ashland.

RECOMMENDATIONS

During the next Town Line Perambulation, the posts should be checked for stability and tended to as needed in order to preserve their location for permanency.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anthony L. Randall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal dashed line.

Anthony L. Randall, L.L.S. #834

NOTICE

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During your ownership, without your consent: or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body NO later than December 31, 2016

Once restored:

- Your properties will once again become separate lots: however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

This notice must be:

- Posted continuously in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016, and
- Published in the 2011 through 2015 Annual Report

Read the full statute at RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots.

POSTED JANUARY 1, 2012

NOTES

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ELECTION RESULTS

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 12, 2013

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
 B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
 C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMAN <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> ARRON ROCHETTE 120 <input type="radio"/> PHILIP PRESTON 176 <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/>	ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> KENDALL L. HUGHES 268 <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/>	CEMETERY TRUSTEE <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> MICHAEL C. MYSHRALL 233 <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/>
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> ELLIOTT E. DUPUIS 258 <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/>	WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONER <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> ALAN J. CILLEY 225 <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/>	CEMETERY TRUSTEE <small>two-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/>
LIBRARY TRUSTEE <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> ALICE STAPLES 257 <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/>	BUDGET COMMITTEE <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than two</small> CHRISTINE AUSTIN 174 <input type="radio"/> DAVID R. FUCARILE 99 <input type="radio"/> FRANCES NEWTON 144 <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/>	CEMETERY TRUSTEE <small>one-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> HAROLD S. LAMOS 219 <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/>
SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST <small>three-year term</small> <small>vote for not more than one</small> PATTI BICKFORD 247 <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/>		

ARTICLES

Article 3

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$6,304,464. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,359,408 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

General Operating Budget Town	\$ 2,776,064
Electric Department	\$ 3,105,912
Water	\$ 147,068
Sewer	\$ 275,420

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 4

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement for \$145,700 for the purpose of purchasing a four wheel drive loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,133 for the first year payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0-1
 Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 6-2-1

YES ☐
NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012.

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0-1
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-2*

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Article 6

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) to be deposited into the Town Clock Non Capital Reserve Fund established in 2011 for maintenance of the town owned clock.

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee does not recommend by a vote of 8-1*

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Article 7

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0*

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Article 8

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of repairing or purchasing police department vehicles and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund, and further to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0*

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Article 9

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer tax liens and to convey any real estate acquired by the town by Tax Collector's deed as justice may require pursuant to RSA 80:80. This authority will be in addition to previously authorized conveyances of such properties by public auction, or advertised seal bids. This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the municipal meeting.

YES ☐

NO ☐

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Article 10

Are you in favor of requiring the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact to include a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article?

YES ☐

NO ☐

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Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility. This article will not include or affect the Ashland Water, Sewer or Electric Departments.

YES ☐

NO ☐

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Article 12

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00 to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation. Registrations for motorcycles, all terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2013.

YES ☐

NO ☐

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Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund entitled the Ashland Municipal Transportation Fund to be used for the funding of improvements to local or regional transportation systems according to RSA 261:153, VI (a) to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend monies from this fund. Each year the Selectmen shall place a warrant article on the ballot to raise and appropriate an amount to be deposited into this fund in an amount equivalent to the municipal transportation fees collected during the previous calendar year.

YES ☐

NO ☐

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Article 14

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a authorizing the Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both after first submitting the proposed transaction to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for review and recommendation and holding two public hearings on the proposed transaction. This authority shall not apply where 50 or more voters petition the Selectmen to place the proposed transaction on the warrant, nor shall it authorize the Selectmen to sell town owned conservation land which is managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission; any part of a town forest; or any real estate given to the Town for charitable or community purposes.

YES ☐

NO ☐

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GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2013**

BALLOT 2 OF 2

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 15

Are you in favor of amending the Ashland Building Regulations to read:

7.3 Sewage Disposal: All dwellings and all commercial, industrial, or public buildings shall be connected to the public sewer system when available. When the public sewer system is not available, a suitable sewage disposal system, consisting of a septic tank and drainage field, shall be provided. The type, size and construction of all septic tanks and drainage field shall conform to New Hampshire Laws and Regulations. All private sewage disposal systems which discharge effluent into the ground shall be in compliance with Article 2.3b of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance.

YES ☐
NO ☐

245
65

Article 16

Are you in favor of amending Article 6.1 of the Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the 2012 International Building Code?

YES ☐
NO ☐

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Article 17

Are you in favor of amending Article 6.1a of the Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the 2012 International Plumbing Code?

YES ☐
NO ☐

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Article 18

Are you in favor of amending Article 6.1b of the Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the 2012 International Residential Code?

YES ☐
NO ☐

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115

Article 19

Are you in favor of adding to Article 6 a section 6.1c of the Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the 2012 International Electrical Code?

YES ☐
NO ☐

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Article 20

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) for CADDY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization) for the purpose of supporting the only local court diversion program to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing offender accountability, ensuring restitution to victims, and potentially saving the town many thousands of dollars in placement costs at juvenile detention facilities. [During the last four years, CADDY has served seven juvenile offenders from Ashland, providing services that saved the Town many thousands of dollars.]

YES ☐
NO ☐

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*Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-2*

Article 21

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars and Thirty Five Cents (\$9450.35) for Pemi-Baker Community Health (a nonprofit organization and Ashland's home health and hospice agency), for the purpose of making quality home health care available to all residents of the Town. This sum amounts to Four Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$4.55) per resident based upon recent census data, and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. [In 2012, Pemi-Baker provided 48 residents with 730 home visits.]

YES ☐
NO ☐

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*Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-1*

Article 22

Petitioned Article: We request that \$8000 be raised and appropriated to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2013. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. In 2012, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 143 Ashland residents (and ServiceLink provided services for 52 Ashland residents), and the cost of providing these services was \$76,192.65.

YES ☐
NO ☐

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*Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-1*

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 23

Petitioned Article: To see if the town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for purposes of funding matching grants for maintenance, repair, and equipment; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund; and further to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article by a vote of 2-0-1
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0*

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Article 24

Petitioned Article: The Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$2500 to Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton counties. We served 3330 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2012, 74 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided emergency services to 12 Ashland residents in Fiscal year 2012. We provided \$19,687 in charitable care to Ashland residents.

YES ☐

NO ☐

*Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-2*

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Article 25

Petitioned Article: Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen from 3 members to 5 members?

YES ☐

NO ☐

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Article 26

Petitioned Article: Are you in favor of abolishing Ashland's Budget Committee pursuant to RSA 32:14, V and instead having the Board of Selectmen prepare and present the budget and hold the required public hearings?

YES ☐

NO ☐

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YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2013

Patricia Tucker
 SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SCHOOL BOARD

Three (3) years
 Vote for not more than Two

RENEE LIEBERT **189** ☐

AMY ULRICSON **210** ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

Moderator

One (1) year
 Vote for not more than One

(Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

One (1) year
 Vote for not more than One

BRIAN CHALMERS **259** ☐

(Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

One (1) year
 Vote for not more than One

(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

Article 2. Shall the Ashland School District set the salaries of district officers for the coming year as follows?

Moderator	\$ 25.00
District Clerk	\$ 12.00/hour
School Board Chairman	\$500.00
School Board Members (4) each	\$400.00
District Treasurer	\$800.00

YES ☐

NO ☐

The Ashland Budget Committee and Ashland School Board recommend this appropriation.

Article 3. Shall the Ashland School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Ashland School Board and the Ashland Teachers' Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels?

Year	Estimated Increase
2013-2014	\$24,178
2014-2015	\$41,291
2015-2016	\$45,754

And, further, shall the district raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,178 for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year?

YES ☐

NO ☐

The Ashland School Board and the Ashland Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4. Shall the Ashland School District, if Article 3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 cost items only? YES ☐ NO ☐

Article 5. Shall the Ashland School District raise and appropriate, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,022,661? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,056,891, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Ashland School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with R.S.A. 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.) YES ☐ NO ☐

The Ashland Budget Committee and the Ashland School Board recommend the appropriation of \$3,022,661.

Article 6 Shall the Ashland School District create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, to be known as the School Safety, Security and Facilities Maintenance Trust Fund, for the purpose of funding major repairs and maintenance projects in school facilities? Furthermore, to name the School Board as agents to expend from this Fund, and to raise and appropriate up to \$10,000 to be placed in the School Safety, Security and Facilities Maintenance Trust Fund. YES ☐ NO ☐


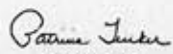
The Ashland Budget Committee and the Ashland School Board recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 7 Shall the Ashland School District vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II? Such fund balance retained may only be used to reduce the tax rate or for emergencies to be approved by the Department of Education under RSA 32:11. YES ☐ NO ☐

The Ashland Budget Committee and the Ashland School Board recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

	OFFICIAL BALLOT ZONING ORDINANCE BALLOT ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 12, 2013	 TOWN CLERK
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: <input checked="" type="radio"/>		
QUESTION		
Question 1 Are you in favor of adding the following definition of "Sign" to Article 10 of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance? "An advertising device that shall include any billboard, outdoor sign, notice poster, display figure, painting, message, placard or any other device which is designated or intended to attract the attention of the public and which is erected and maintained on any property with the purpose to set forth the name of the business or profession conducted on any property, or to identify the goods or services produced or sold on any property".		
		YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>

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SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2013

Susan M. Daigneau
 Susan Daigneau
 Pemi-Baker Regional School District Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM HOLDERNESS

(3-Year Term) Vote for not
more than one
SAMUEL D. BRICKLEY **213** ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM PLYMOUTH

(3-Year Term) Vote for not
more than one
TIMOTHY M. NARO **212** ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM WENTWORTH

(3-Year Term) Vote for not
more than one
SUSAN JUDD **205** ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM THORNTON

(3-Year Term) Vote for not
more than one
WALTER G. JOYCE **207** ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 1: To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the Board may determine advisable for students inside or outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐
 NO ☐

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐
 NO ☐

Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) to replace a section of roof on the high school building. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐
 NO ☐

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to one hundred four thousand dollars (\$104,000) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire's share of special education costs for the 2013-2014 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 198:20-d, or to take any action in relation thereto. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐
 NO ☐

Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for architectural and engineering services to prepare for a renovation of the existing CTE center (vocational wing) of the high school building. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐
 NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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SAMPLE BALLOT

WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 6: To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Plymouth Regional Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2013-2014	\$97,799.00
2014-2015	\$95,436.00

YES ☐

NO ☐

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-seven thousand seven hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$97,799.00) for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board recommends this article (Majority vote required.)

Article 7: To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Plymouth Regional Education Support Staff, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2013-2014	\$33,778.00

YES ☐

NO ☐

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand seven hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$33,778.00) for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board recommends this article (Majority vote required.)

Article 8: To see if the Pemi-Baker Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session (deliberative session) for the purposes set forth therein, totaling twelve million three hundred seventy-nine thousand one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$12,379,165).

YES ☐

NO ☐

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twelve million four hundred thirteen thousand five hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$12,413,537), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pemi-Baker Regional School District; or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This sum excludes the sums in Warrant Articles 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DELIBERATIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, February 2, 2013**

Moderator Roberta Hoerter opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the honorary pledge of allegiance lead by the local decorated Boy Scout Troop.

Moderator Hoerter introduced the members of the head tables, reviewed handouts for this meeting, announced designated seating areas for registered voters and non-registered/resident attendees, announced that this meeting is the Deliberative Session for the 2013 articles to be voted on and is for the purpose of discussion and making amendments prior to each article being voted on at Election Day, 3/12/2013 (polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m) and further gave rules of order for this meeting.

ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS: To choose officers for the following ensuring year:

The slate of offices opened was read with participants desiring to acquire the positions announced as follows:

Board of Selectmen - 3 year term	Philip Preston
	Arron Rochette
Town Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 year term	Elliott E. Dupuis
Library Trustee	Alice Staples
Supervisor of the Checklist - 3 year term	Patti Bickford
Electric Commissioner - 3 year term	Kendall L Hughes
Water & Sewer Commissioner - 3 year term	Alan J. Cilley
Budget Committee - 3 year term (2 positions)	Christine Austin
	Frances Newton
	David R. Fucarile
Cemetery Trustee - 3 year term	Michael C. Myshrall
Cemetery Trustee - 2 year term	Vacant
Cemetery Trustee - 2 year term	Harold S. Lamos
Ashland School Board - 3 year term (2 positions)	Renee Liebert
	Amy Ulricson
Ashland School District Moderator - 1 year term	Vacant
Ashland School District Clerk - 1 year term	Vacant
Ashland School District Treasurer - 1 year term	Brian Chalmers

No further discussion on this article. Article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 2 - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Question #1 Are you in favor of adding the following definition of "Sign" to Article 10 of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance? "An advertizing device that shall include any billboard, outdoor sign, notice poster, display figure, painting, message, placard or any other device which is designated or intended to attract the attention of the public and which is erected and maintained on any property with the purpose to set for the name of the business or profession conducted on any property, or to identify the goods or services produced or sold on any property".

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion. Questions were asked and answered by the planning board chairperson who indicated this amendment is intended to clarify the definition of a sign within the zoning ordinance. Town Attorney announced that this is a zoning ordinance amendment and public hearings have been held by the planning board as required. No further amendments can be made to this article on the floor of this session. Two typos were pointed out and will be corrected prior to being placed on the ballot. The new article will read:

Question #1 Are you in favor of adding the following definition of "Sign" to Article 10 of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance? "An advertising device that shall include any billboard, outdoor sign, notice poster, display figure, painting, message, placard or any other device which is designated or intended to attract the attention of the public and which is erected and maintained on any property with the purpose to set forth the name of the business or profession conducted on any property, or to identify the goods or services produced or sold on any property".

No further discussion on this article. Article will appear on the ballot as corrected.

Article 3

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$6,231,145. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,359,408 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

General Operating Budget for Town	\$2,702,745
Electric Department	\$3,105,912
Water	\$147,068
Sewer	\$275,420

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

J Stewart moved and P Preston supported to amend the budget of \$6,231,145 to \$6,387,770.

P Preston advised the purpose of this amendment was to place the budget amount that was originally requested by the Board of Selectmen with a breakdown of this amount to: road maintenance \$15,000, police department \$40,000, energy audit \$40,000, transfer station \$7,000 and parks/rec department \$35,000.

S Felton spoke against this amendment by indicating that the Budget Committee took a look at the entire budget and the impact on the taxes that it would have on taxpayers as presented from the Board. Each department met with the budget committee and the cuts that were made by them allowed for funds to be requested for capital reserves funds. The Town currently has no savings for the future. Continuing, S Felton indicated that the Town's budget has increased over the last 3 years by \$566,730.

D Golden spoke in favor of the amendment indicating taking funds from the departments to put in capital reserves as a savings account does not make sense.

D Toth spoke against the amendment indicating that the Town has not taken care of the items needed and compared Ashland to the other surrounding Towns that have an average of a \$14 tax rate.

Many residents spoke in favor of the park and recreation program being placed back into the budget as it was presented by the Selectmen. They indicated that having a good police, park and recreation and fire departments was most important to them. Further, the indication was given that many families, before moving to a community look at the school system and the offers within the community for children prior to selecting a community to reside.

D Ruell indicated that the largest impact this year was the needed repair to the fire department roof. If this expense was not in the budget, the budget as a whole would not be as inflated. The roof repairs are a onetime expense that once it is repaired will bring the budget back down in the future year.

J Stewart made a motion to move the question, D Golden supported this motion. The moderator chose to not end the discussions as hands were raised prior to this motion being made.

Police Chief T Randall indicated that the budgets presented by the departments were already trimmed as requested by the Selectmen. The Selectmen made further cuts and then the budget committee made additional cuts. The latter of the cuts made by the budget committee are detrimental to the departmental needs for operation.

J Stewart made a motion to move the question, D Golden supported this motion. Motion was called to a vote and declared passed by Moderator Hoerter by a show of hands vote on the floor.

The amended article was read and Moderator Hoerter requested a vote by a show of hands. Counters were selected; the numbers were too close to call.

Five signatures were presented to Moderator Hoerter by 5 registered voters present at the meeting requesting that the amended article be voted on by paper ballot. Moderator Hoerter authorized the signatures and moved forward with the paper ballot voting. Voters received their ballots from the Supervisors of the Checklist and proceeded to vote.

During this time, the meeting was recessed by Moderator Hoerter from 2:20 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.

The ballots were counted by Moderator Hoerter and Mr. Lamos.

Ballot count on this amendment resulted in a vote of:

43 Yes, 44 No.

Amendment failed

Budget returned to original \$6,231,145

R Liebert moved and D Boyer supported to amend the original article for the operating budget from the \$6,231,145 to \$6,266,977 for the purpose of placing \$35,832 into the budget for the purpose of park and recreation programs.

Discussion ensued regarding this proposed amendment and Moderator Hoerter called for a vote by a show of hands. Again, the vote was counted by selected registered voters and was found to be too close to call. Moderator Hoerter requested all voters in favor of the amendment to move to one side of the room and all voters against the amendment to move to another side of the room. Once counting took place and was complete, Moderator Hoerter declared this amendment passed by a vote of:

47 Yes No 30

Amendment passed

New budget amount \$6,266,977.

A Staples moved and J Alba supported to amend this budget amount from the \$6,266,977 to \$6,267,977 for the purpose of placing \$1,000 within the budget for the purpose of supporting Voices Against Violence.

A Staples discussed the organization's work within the Town indicating that Ashland was the 2nd highest usage of the organization out of the Towns in which the organization is available.

With no further comments, Moderator Hoerter called for a show of hands for this amendment with the vote declaration being:

Amendment passed

New budget amount \$6,267,977

T Paquette moved and P Preston supported to amend this budget amount by \$20,000 from \$6,267,977 to \$6,287,977 for the purpose of placing \$15,000 back into the highway department for road repairs and \$5,000 back into the transfer station budget.

M Scarano urged the voters not to amend the article by the requested amount as there is currently \$125,000 in a capital reserve from 2012 and a proposal to place another \$125,000 into that capital reserve that will be discussed further within this warrant.

P Preston spoke in favor of the amendment, stating the operating expenses should be within the budgets of the departments, not placed within a capital reserve account.

T Paquette indicated that the amount in the budget as presented by the Budget Committee currently would not be enough to overlay the roads as planned.

With no further comments, Moderator Hoerter called for a show of hands for this amendment with a vote and declaration of:

Amendment passed

New budget amount \$6,287,977

Chief T Randall moved and P Preston supported to amend this budget amount by \$16,487 from \$6,287,977 to \$6,304,464 for the purpose of placing additional funds within the police department budget.

Chief T Randall explained these additional funds would be utilized for administrative support within the police department, increase in the part time wage salary line, increase in the uniform line and replace funds back in the grant line of the department.

S Felton explained the warrant article to be discussed later in the meeting that can be utilized for grants for any department.

With no further comments, Moderator Hoerter called for a show of hands for this amendment with a vote and declaration of:

Amendment passed

New budget amount \$6,304,464

Moderator Hoerter announced that the new amended article 3 will read as follows:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$6,304,464. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,359,408 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

General Operating Budget for Town	\$2,776,064
Electric Department	\$3,105,912
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Sewer	\$275,420

R Pare asked if it was legal for the initial amendment made by the Board of Selectmen to fail and then for the meeting to turn around and add funds into the budget by way of amendments individually. The attorney announced it was legal and the meeting continued.

Moderator Hoerter announced that these changes will increase the bottom line of the budget if passed; however, it does not require the Selectmen to place the funds within the designated areas being specified by this body at this meeting.

Article 4 Tax impact is 11.0 cents

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement for \$145,700 for the purpose of purchasing a four wheel drive loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,133 for the first year payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0-1

Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 6-2-1

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

T Paquette advised that this article will allow for a machine that is 21 years old to be replaced. With the 13,000 - 14,000 hours that is on the current machine T Paquette estimated the actual mileage would be equivalent to 450,000 miles. Further, this article will allow the Board to enter into a 5 year lease.

P Preston recommended this article to be passed.

S Downing inquired as to when the last time the machine was run through to determine any problems and indicated the Town has this type of machine to use at the Transfer Station. Further, she inquired about the stock of supplies that are on hand within the highway garage to be utilized.

T Paquette responded to S Downing by indicating the machine was overhauled 2 years ago and the machine at the transfer station is much smaller than what is needed for the highway department. The highway department has adequate stock of supplies on hand as needed to repair the equipment.

With no further discussion taking place, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 5 Tax impact is 47.3 cents

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0-1

Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-1

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With no discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 6 Tax impact is 0.6 cents

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) to be deposited into the Town Clock Non Capital Reserve Fund established in 2011 for maintenance of the town owned clock.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0

Budget Committee does not recommend by a vote of 8-1

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With no discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 7 Tax impact is 9.5 cents

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund, and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0

Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-0-1

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With no discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 8 Tax impact is 9.5 cents

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of repairing or purchasing police department vehicles and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund, and further to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0

Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With no discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 9

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer tax liens and to convey any real estate acquired by the town by Tax Collector's deed as justice may require pursuant to RSA 80:80. This authority will be in addition to previously authorized conveyances of such properties by public auction, or advertised seal bids. This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the municipal meeting.

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With minimal discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 10

Are you in favor of requiring the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact to include a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article?

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With no discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility.

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

L Nichols moved and L Pack supported to amend the article with the following sentence being added to the article: This article will not include or affect the Ashland Water, Sewer or Electric Departments.

Town Attorney indicated that this wording is not necessary as it would not affect those departments. J Stewart indicated those departments have commissioners; therefore, the reason it would not have any affect.

D Golden recommended the additional wording be removed. L Nichols was unwilling to rescind his amendment to the article.

With no further discussion, Moderator Hoerter called for a vote on the amendment and declared

Amendment passed

Moderator Hoerter declared the amended article will appear on the ballot as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility. This article will not include or affect the Ashland Water, Sewer or Electric Departments.

Article 12

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00 to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation. Registrations for motorcycles, all terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2013.

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

M Brown requested a definition for the word “regional” within this article. J Stewart indicated that the funds would stay within the community of Ashland. To allow the Town Attorney an opportunity to review for this definition specifically within the NH regulations, *Moderator Hoerter called for a recess of the meeting at 4:01 p.m.*

At 4:10 p.m. Moderator Hoerter called the meeting back to order.

Town Attorney indicated he viewed the NH RSA and did not see a specific definition to the word “regional”. He did review the wording of the article and indicated that this was the appropriate wording in order for the article to appear on the ballot for a vote.

Questions were asked regarding where the funds will be held. An explanation was given that the funds would go to a capital reserve fund which would be established if Article 13 were to pass. If Article 13 fails, the funds will be held until the following year in which another warrant article will be presented for the purpose of holding these funds within a capital reserve account.

With no further discussion, the moderator declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund entitled the Ashland Municipal Transportation Fund to be used for the funding of improvements to local or regional transportation systems according to RSA 261:153, VI (a) to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend monies from this fund. Each year the Selectmen shall place a warrant article on the ballot to raise and appropriate an amount to be deposited into this fund in an amount equivalent to the municipal transportation fees collected during the previous calendar year.

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With no discussion, the moderator declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Ingrid Heidenreich moved and Arlene Ober supported to limit reconsideration on any warrant articles that have been previously reviewed and declared to be on the Town ballot to this time in the meeting. The moderator declared: Vote on this motion - Passed

Article 14

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a authorizing the selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both after first submitting the proposed transaction to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for review and recommendation and holding two public hearings on the proposed transaction. This authority shall not apply where 50 or more voters petition the selectmen to place the proposed transaction on the warrant, nor shall it authorize the Selectmen to sell town owned conservation land which is managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission; any part of a town forest; or any real estate given to the Town for charitable or community purposes.

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

After minimal discussion of why this article is being presented, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 15

Are you in favor of amending the Ashland Building Regulations to read:

7.3 Sewage Disposal: All dwellings and all commercial, industrial, or public buildings shall be connected to the public sewer system when available. When the public sewer system is not available, a suitable sewage disposal system, consisting of a septic tank and drainage field, shall be provided. The type, size and construction of all septic tanks and drainage field shall conform to New Hampshire Laws and Regulations. All private sewage disposal systems which discharge effluent into the ground shall be in compliance with Article 2.3b of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance.

Article was read and *Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.*

With no discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 16

Are you In favor of amending Article 6.1 of the Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the 2012 International Building Code?

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

After minimal discussion took place, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 17

Are you in favor of amending Article 6.1a of the Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the 2012 International Plumbing Code?

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With no discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 18

Are you in favor of amending Article 6.1b of the Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the 2012 International Residential Code?

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With no discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 19

Are you in favor of adding to Article 6 a section 6.1c of the Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the 2012 International Electrical Code?

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With no discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 20

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization) for the purpose of supporting the only local court diversion program to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing offender accountability, ensuring restitution to victims, and potentially saving the town many thousands of dollars in placement costs at juvenile detention facilities. [During the last four years, CADY has served seven juvenile offenders from Ashland, providing services that saved the Town many thousands of dollars.]

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0

Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-2

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With no discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 21

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars and Thirty Five Cents (\$9450.35) for Pemi-Baker Community Health (a nonprofit organization and Ashland's home health and hospice agency), for the purpose of making quality home health care available to all residents of the Town. This sum amounts to Four Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$4.55) per resident based upon recent census data, and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. [In 2012, Pemi-Baker provided 48 residents with 730 home visits.]

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0

Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-1

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With no discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 22

Petitioned Article: We request that \$6000 be raised and appropriated to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2013. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. In 2012, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc provided services for 143 Ashland residents (and ServiceLink provided services for 52 Ashland residents), and the cost of providing these services was \$76,192.65.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0

Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-1

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With no discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 23

Petitioned Article: To see if the town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for purposes of funding matching grants for maintenance, repair, and equipment; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund; and further to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article by a vote of 2-0-1

Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

Inquiries were made regarding the use of these funds for training. Town Attorney advised that by adding the allowance for training to this warrant article as petitioned would change the intent of the article; therefore, it could not be added on the floor of this session.

With minimal other discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared this article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 24

Petitioned Article: The Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$2500 to Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton counties. We served 3330 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2012, 74 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided emergency services to 12 Ashland residents in Fiscal year 2012. We provided \$19,687 in charitable care to Ashland residents.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0

Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-2

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

With no discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 25

Petitioned Article: Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen from 3 members to 5 members?

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

J Sawyer inquired why this was necessary and pointed out that this was rejected by the Town over the past few years.

F Newton indicated she felt more could get done if additional people were on the Board and with the challenges facing the Town, additional people would help.

With no further discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 26

Are you in favor of abolishing Ashland's Budget Committee pursuant to RSA 32:14, V and instead having the Board of Selectmen prepare and present the budget and hold the required public hearings?

Article was read and Moderator Hoerter called for discussion.

S Felton addressed this article by indicating his belief that the more people that are involved in the Town the better off the Town will be.

D Ruell spoke against the article indicating that the budget committee is useful, may be more critical, but utilizing the budget committee keeps the process honest and direct.

I Heidenreich advised that over 700 hours of actual meeting time was put into working on this budget advising she felt it was a lot of work to be put on the shoulders of 3 people.

J Stewart indicated that this warrant article was placed on the warrant by the Selectmen due to the Board not being happy with the decisions that have been made by members of this committee. Further, it was indicated that the Town could vote to have a Finance Committee versus a Budget Committee in the future.

P Preston indicated he was the Selectmen's Ex-Officio to the Budget Committee and found that throughout the first few months of the committee meetings, the committee was rehashing many old budgets with no discussion of the future. Further, he felt that many members of the current committee had private agendas that they

were attempting to fill. Discussions were made regarding the past and were not considered appropriate for the future of the community.

With no further discussion, Moderator Hoerter declared the article will appear on the ballot as written.

With no further articles to discuss, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M. Abear
Deputy Town Clerk

2013

**DEPARTMENTS
BOARDS
AND
COMMISSIONS**

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Submitted by Jeanette Stewart, Chairman

In 2013 the Ashland Selectmen started off the year with Jeanette Stewart, Phil Preston, and Dan Golden serving on the board. Dan resigned for personal reasons and Normand DeWolfe was appointed by the board in June to fill that position.

Responsibilities

The Selectmen also serve on many other committees. Chairman Stewart serves on the Budget Committee, CIP Committee, Joint Loss Committee, Personnel Policy Committee, and Union Negotiations Committee. Mr. Preston serves on the Planning Board, Joint loss Committee, and Union Negotiations Committee. Mr. DeWolfe is alternate for the Planning Board, Budget Committee, and the CIP Committee. The Selectmen have the responsibility of making sure the Town is managed correctly and that all decisions are made in the best interest of the town.

Infrastructure (buildings and roads)

Repairs and improvements of the town's infrastructure was the replacement of the Fire Station roof completion in June, complete reconstruction and paving of West Street, and repairs to other streets in Ashland. The board has made plans in the budget to redo the windows in the town office to make them energy efficient and to replace the old air conditioner.

Communications

The Town has signed a new contract with Bayring, they have installed a new phone system in the town office so that now the answering machine is efficient and the phones are all working up to their capacity. This new system will save the Town money.

Appointments of Residents to serve on Committees

New members were appointed to the ZBA, Planning Board, Conservation Committee, and the HEAL Committee by the Board of Selectmen.

Other Business

In November the Board of Selectmen set the new tax rate. The Selectmen used some of the un-assigned funds to lower the tax rate by \$1.00, this relieved some of the burden on the taxpayer so that they would not have to pay a much higher tax rate. The tax rate was set at \$25.12.

Town Affairs

In April Chairman Stewart and the town administrator were interviewed by Bill York of Public TV about the financial stability of Ashland and the positive things that make Ashland a great town to reside in. It was aired on Channel 3.

The Selectmen would like to thank everyone who have enhanced our community by serving on boards and committees throughout the year. Is is greatly appreciated by everyone.

Thanks for your continued support and interest in the Town of Ashland.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I present my third annual report to the residents of the Town of Ashland for the year 2013. I should like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town office staff and the Department Heads for their continued support in assisting me with my duties throughout the year. My role has been and always will be to supervise the administrative affairs of the Town and carry out the policies enacted by the Board of Selectmen.

During the last year I have come to see the world of local government through an entirely different viewpoint. I have a much better understanding and appreciation of the importance of volunteerism and nowhere is it more prevalent than in our community. Citizens of Ashland who give up their time to perform the role of an elected or appointed official because they believe in the community and know that contribution can make a difference.

It has been another tough year for our community from a financial perspective culminating in an increase in the Ashland tax rate from 21.98 to 25.12. It would have been higher but the Board of Selectmen elected to take \$227,688 out of the un-assigned fund balance to reduce the burden on taxpayers. The Town portion of the tax rate increased by 6.4% while the local school increased by 21.75%. This coupled with the other components, state school and county tax, produced an overall rate increase of 14.25%.

2013 saw the first Town-wide reassessment since the housing bubble burst in 2008 and we saw just under fourteen per cent of our assessed valuation disappear as a result.

As the State continued to shift its financial responsibilities to New Hampshire's Cities and Towns, we saw increases in retirement expenses as the State continued to back off of its commitment to this program.

Our biggest challenge was creating a budget that met the needs of the community while revenues were either stagnant or on the decline. To make matters worse there have been significant cuts in State aid to municipalities and although Ashland felt the belt tightening it did not result in reduced levels of service. We attempted to do 'more with less' which might be considered as local government's new normal. We must continue to meet the growing challenge to deliver exceptional services to our residents while generating additional revenues and savings through our Capital Improvement Program (CIP) established last year.

The CIP has proved to be a valuable financial tool in analyzing the Towns future short and long term requirements; in order to get the community on a path to sustainability the program has created awareness of the need to upgrade capital assets. It is critical that residents understand the importance of planning five, ten and more years down the road. If our needs are not planned for the consequences could be substantial.

While we see slight improvements in New Hampshire's economy, our local economy continues to be somewhat fragile. The need for economic development became the flavor of the year. A second economic development forum was held in Plymouth in May to discuss the collaboration between Land Use Boards and Developers.

During the year we expanded our efforts to keep citizens informed by posting more events, meetings and minutes on our website. Unfortunately the weekly Ashland Bulletin was discontinued but the 'InfoBlast' kept the community abreast of important information.

For all the negatives we did have some victories and the major accomplishment was the replacement of the Fire Department roof which carries a twenty five year warranty. The Public Works Director worked diligently to accomplish the road resurfacing and sidewalk improvements on West Street and sidewalk improvements on Highland Street.

The Selectmen adopted and approved the Town's updated Hazard Mitigation Plan which had not been revised since 2006 thereby allowing the Town to seek FEMA funding in the event the community infrastructure should suffer from any weather related storms and such like in the future. The approval of the budget by the voters allowed the Town office and the Police Department to install a new telephone system replacing the twenty year old phones that were retired to a museum.

2013 was the second year of the Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) grant that the Town was awarded the year before. The HEAL Community Forum held in early 2013 allowed the residents to have a voice in the policy and environmental changes they would like to see. Those in attendance at the Forum through a voting process identified strategies to increase access to healthy foods and physical activity in our community. This resulted in the proposed development of a Restaurant Program, a Bike-Pedestrian Committee and a Joint Use Agreement with the Ashland Elementary School, where the latter has led to the proposal for a Community Garden on School property.

We saw the retirement of our Welfare Director and Building Inspector, Bob Hicks who had served the Town in those capacities for over twenty years respectively. We were fortunate to hire a Welfare Director who has eighteen years of experience in this position and already has made a significant impact.

We also saw the departure of our Finance Officer and while advertising the position we utilized the services of Municipal Resources Inc. In November the Board of Selectmen hired a new Financial Officer who has twenty years of municipal accounting experience so the Town did not miss a beat.

As we go to the polls in March 2014, the voice of the residents and taxpayers will be more important than ever as it is the voters who will determine Ashland's future. In closing, let me say that Ashland has all the ingredients for a bright future and the new Board of Selectmen in 2014 will play a pivotal role. Even though we face some serious challenges in the near term we must stay vigilant to make Ashland a better place to live and work.

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Police Chief Anthony L. Randall

In 2013, the Police Department finally was able to fill the full-time position vacant since 2012 and was also able to hire a part-time officer. The filling of the vacant full-time position and the part-time position will allow the department the opportunity minimize overtime.

The staff at the Police Department consists of the following individuals: Chief Anthony Randall, Lieutenant Don Marren, Sergeant Daniel Hamilton, Officer Bruce Cote, Officer Ryan Beausoleil, Part-time Officers Seth Learned and Gary Carter and part-time administrative assistants Cecil Cooper and Jamie Lyford.

Officer Beausoleil graduated the full time academy in December and Part-time Officer Carter graduated the part-time academy in November.

This year saw our oldest vehicle, a 2007 Crown Vic, loose its transmission which forced the department to replace it with a 2014 Police Interceptor Utility. This purchase was made possible due to the citizens and tax payers creating the capital reserve in 2013 for police vehicle replacement. The outfitting of the vehicle was accomplished through the existing budget.

The Department currently seeks out grant opportunities in an effort to keep the budget in check.

The Department continually trains in an effort to better prepare us to handle the day to day calls and potentially dangerous situations that may arise. Training is the foundation police officers use for protecting the community and themselves.

Our goal at the Police Department is to show a continued police presence with a community policing model which requires a partnership between the police and residents in an effort to keep Ashland as safe as possible.

I would like to thank the residents, businesses, all Ashland Departments, surrounding town departments and the personnel at the Ashland Police Department for their support and hard work.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a safe 2014 and just a little reminder that car break-ins are crimes of opportunity so please lock your vehicles.

2013 POLICE ACTIVITY

***Service Calls	# of calls		# of calls	<u>Criminal Activity</u>	# of calls
Aid to public	2,978			<u>Criminal Activity</u>	
Aid to Fire/Ambulance	275		67	Fraud/Forgery	9
Aid to other Law Enforcement	174		19	Disturbance	33
Aid to other Town Agency	29		8	Prisoner Transports	4
Civil Standby	20		4	Robbery	2
Alarm	32		12	Attempted Abduction	0
911 Hang up calls	107		15	Theft from Motor Vehicle	12
Missing Persons	19		3		
Animal Complaints	6		0		
Unsecure Premises	47		12		
REDDI Calls	10		46	<u>Juvenile Cases</u>	
Attempted Suicide/Suicide	14		7	Juvenile-related cases	5
Lost/Property	4		2		
Check the Welfare	29		7	<u>Motor Vehicle Activity</u>	
Suspicious Activity	6		25	Summons Issued	24
Police Information	126		8	Warnings Issued	343
Pistol Permits Issued	104		6	DWI	6
Civil complaint	71		0	Motor Vehicle Accidents	92
Paper Service	30		1	Abandoning a Vehicle	6
Police Service	75		3	Transporting Alcohol	4
Follow ups	141		16	Assist Motorist	28
Record Checks	265		9	Parking Tickets Issued	53
	127		41	Driving After Suspension	6
			15		
			10		

*** Service Calls initiated by officer not included

ASHLAND FIRE RESCUE

Submitted by Chief Stephen L. Heath

The emergency response and administrative demand on the department continues to increase. The total incident count for 2013 is 407 as compared to 377 in 2012. The following is a breakdown by incident type:

• Medical	248
• Fire	103
• Motor Vehicle Accident	39
• Other	17

Our personnel continue to log many hours; responding to emergency incidents, attending regularly scheduled department training, (2 fire and 1 EMS training sessions per month), participating in numerous fire and EMS certification programs, live fire training exercises, apparatus and equipment checks, pre-planning, fire prevention programs, and fire safety inspections.

In November of this year members of the Select Board and I were able to participate in a webinar sponsored by Property Liability Trust. The session dealt with the difficulties many departments such as ours are having with retaining members and enticing new members to make the time commitment required to be a firefighter/EMT. With that said, I would like to welcome three new members. Jace Cuenca, Brittany Paquette, and Cody Rideout have been hired as probationary firefighters, and will soon begin training toward certification as either EMTs, Firefighters, or perhaps both within the next year. Cody has already completed certification as a Nationally Registered EMT. Congratulations and welcome aboard.

The fire station roof replacement project has been completed. The process took a bit longer than anticipated, but the outcome has been worth the wait.

We are constantly looking for ways to meet our needs and at the same time, keep costs down. Once again this year we were able to save money by doing our annual pump testing at the same location and day as another local department, thus reducing the cost. We also saved money by coordinating our aerial and ground ladder testing with several other local departments. Some equipment purchases this year cost less than anticipated because we were able to participate in group purchases with neighboring communities.

Once again we were able to complete the mandatory equipment testing on the department's self-contained breathing apparatus, fit testing of the SCBA masks, pumps, aerial and ground ladders. As our equipment ages, testing becomes critical to keeping personnel safe, and reducing liability. At times we have a piece of equipment that does not pass, and requires repair or replacement. With this in mind, I have requested funds in the appropriate budget lines to allow us to keep equipment in service.

In the summer of 2012 we applied to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for funds that would be used to purchase personal protective clothing for our personnel, and fund training pro-

grams. In August of this year we were notified that we have been awarded the training portion of the grant which amounts to \$10600.00. A portion of this award will be used to train 10 of our members as rope rescue technicians. This 40 hour course will be held in Ashland with the first portion of the class being held on February 7, 8, & 9. The second session will be held on April 26 & 27. This training will enhance our ability to conduct safe operations in rescue emergencies, including water rescues. The balance of these funds will go toward certifying new firefighters and providing opportunity for advanced training for current members.

We have also been able to resurrect our Fire Explorer program. Firefighter/EMTI Kendall B. Hughes has been instrumental in renewing our charter, and planning training for our 6 new explorers. This is a very worthwhile program as we have had a number of former explorers join the department when they turned 18.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Timothy Paquette, Department Head

2013 was a productive year for the Public Works Department. The year started off very busy with many storms and continued into the spring and summer with road projects, culvert replacement, catch basin repair, and ditch work.

The town was fortunate having voted in road reconstruction money the last two years, this allowed us to do three significant projects this year. First we were able to overlay 1900' of Hicks Hill and grind over 1300' of Leavitt Hill. This section of Leavitt Hill was in very poor shape and is now a gravel road, which has held up very nicely. The second project was the reconstruction and paving of West Street. This was one of the roads long overdue for repair and many residents as well as business owners are happy to have it completed. The third project was 1800' of new sidewalk on Highland Street. In order to save some money, my department took out the old sidewalk with little problems.

We had two culverts and four catch basins fail this year so they had to be replaced. We also did ditch work on Owl Brook Road, Sanborn Road, and Lambert Road.

None of this work would have been done without the help of my crew, Ray, Dan, and George, and Lee keeps the trucks and equipment in top condition.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Paul, Patsy, and Pat for their support and assistance throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank the Taxpayers and citizens for their support and compliments, it doesn't go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

TRANSFER STATION

Timothy Paquette, Department Head

In 2013 the Transfer Station shipped out 555 tons of trash, 32 tons of heavy metal, and 190 tons of construction debris. These numbers are down from last year, which is very good.

We collected just under \$36,000 at the facility, which includes recycling, transfer slips, and sticker fees. Again, the market was up and down this year.

The town recycled over 166 tons of material in 2013, this includes glass, plastics, paper, cardboard, tin, and aluminum cans. Had this been put in the trash it would have cost the taxpayers around \$10,000 to dispose of in a landfill.

Please remember that the Town of Ashland has mandatory recycling.

You can purchase your 2014 Transfer Station sticker at the Town Hall or at the Transfer Station for \$2.00.

Thank you to Rick and Doug, the attendants at the facility for all their hard work.

Lastly, thank you to all who do their part and recycle and support the program.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Submitted by Patricia Tucker, CTCTC

Fees collected by the town clerk and submitted to the treasurer (unaudited):

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$299,649.72
Dog Licenses (town portion)	\$ 2,107.00
Dog Licenses (state portion)*	\$ 863.50
Vital Records (town portion)	\$ 1,127.00
Vital Records (state portion)*	\$ 2,111.00
Misc. Income	\$ 1,013.40
Refunded permit fees	\$ 00.00

*Fees are collected and paid to the state

Citizens are able to renew vehicle registrations online at www.ashland.nh.gov by clicking on the registration icon. The method of payment is by e-check. This is for renewals only. Dog license renewals [deadline April 30] and property tax payments [current only] can be done online also.

The following is a partial listing of the duties/functions of the Town Clerk that are performed throughout the year:

- Issue motor vehicle registrations
- Issue dog licenses
- Issue marriage licenses
- Provides certified copies of vital records [birth, death, marriage, divorce, dissolution]
- Record and preserve public records of the Town
- Record and certify minutes of Town Meetings
- Accept voter registrations to be forwarded to the Supervisors of the Checklist
- Assist in conduction and coordinating Federal, State and Local elections
- Administers Oath of Office to elected and appointed officials
- Receives service of writs of actions against the town
- Record Federal Tax Liens
- Record Articles of Agreement
- Review and process Dredge and Fill Applications
- Review, process and record Pole Licenses

In addition to the responsibilities mandated by State Statute, the Ashland Town Clerk's office:

- Issues decals for registration permits (within the limits permitted by the State of NH)
- Issues license plates (within the limits permitted by the State of NH)
- Provides Notary Public services
- Pursues payment for checks returned by financial institutions for non-sufficient funds

- Issues transfer station permits
- Aids the public in performing genealogy searches
- Responds to inquiries from the general public

The town clerk tax collector's are governed by the following State and Federal agencies:

- NH Department of Safety - Motor Vehicle Division
 - Bureau of Registration
 - Bureau of Title and Anti-Theft
 - Bureau of Financial Responsibility
- NH Department of Agriculture [Animal Industry Division]
- NH Secretary of State
 - Division of Vital Records Administration
 - Division of Archives and Records Management
 - Election Division
 - US compliance with HAVA and ADA requirements
 - UCC Division
- NH Department of Environmental Services [Wetlands Bureau]
- NH Office of Information Technology
- NH Department of Revenue Administration

This office is audited by the town's auditors and the town clerk's office is also audited by their state auditor.

We are able to attend workshops throughout the year that are sponsored by the town clerk and tax collector associations as well as various workshops sponsored by the state agencies.

I am lucky to have Pat Crowell assist me with duties here in this office.

Our hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8-4; Thursday 8-5. This office is the place to come if you wish to declare residency, register to vote, register vehicles, search vital records or town records or if have any question hopefully we can point you in the right direction to get the correct answer.

The MS61 [tax collector's report] follows this narrative. As of December 31, 2013 ninety three percent [93%] of the 2013 taxes were paid. This is about average over the past few years. Unpaid 2013 taxes will be liened in May, so I expect that we will collect more between now and then.

Thank you to all for allowing me to serve you as your town clerk and tax collector.

ASHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION

Submitted by James Gleich, Director

Parks and Recreation General

The 2013 Year Started out in fine shape with the “After School Program” having 24 students enrolled throughout the remainder of the school year. Nancy Nieves served as the program assistant until the end of the school year. Nancy stepped down to pursue time and activities with her family. Nancy had served as the After School Program Assistant for the past two years. Her presence had made a huge difference; we wish her the best of luck with all of her pursuits.

Spring in Ashland brought out some new activities at the L.W. Packard field; the Ashland Area Recreation Association (AARA) donated their time, money, and labor to help relocate the baseball backstop to a more suitable distance from the pitching mound. This move helped improve the playing condition for the Ashland Middle School baseball team by making the dimensions of the playing field conform to the standards set forth for middle school athletics. In addition, the AARA created two large raised garden beds adjacent to the Booster Club along the walking path to the field, with the help of the Ashland Garden Club, who donated plants and vegetable seedlings for the beds. These garden beds served as a guided activity for the summer camp and after school program with the creation of a “Garden to Kitchen Program.” The highlight for the After School Program with the garden program was the creation of Kale chips during one of the cooking sessions. Lastly, the AARA donated the addition of security motion detection spot lights for the Booster Club. These will make the walkway to the field safer for all to use.

Summer Camp

The 2013 Summer Camp Season was well received and attended. The “Camper Scholarship Program” was able to sponsor 36 weeks of camp in total for the students who had applied and qualified. This past summer had also seen the ending of an era, Barbara Sharrow officially retired from the summer programs at the conclusion of the season. Barbara had been the heart and soul of the summer programs for many years. There are so many children that she has made a profound difference in their lives through this program. We all wish her the best of luck in all of her endeavors.

After School Program

The end of the school year brought a tear to our eyes as Nancy Nieves stepped down from the Program Assistance position. This left an opening to be filled. Allison Dubios, an art major senior from Plymouth State University, filled the position. Allison has sparked a creative side in all of the students with the program. The After School Program currently stands at 26 students registered. That is roughly 16% of the student body at Ashland Elementary School.

Edward N. Doggett Campground and Ashland Town Beach

The 2014 Camping Season was successful all around for the Doggett Campground. The campground operated at full capacity. The parking lot was regraded prior to the start of the beach season by the Public Works Department to help repair erosion and potholes left behind by a tough winter season. Our thanks to Tim Paquette and his crew for keeping the campground and beach area well maintained.

The Ashland Town Beach saw a few changes in 2013. The swim raft was removed and dismantled and the return of beach use fees had stirred things up from the 2012 season. The beach was well looked after by the lifeguards and gatekeepers keeping everyone safe and maintaining a family atmosphere for all to enjoy. Lakes Region Community Service Council had taken the reigns of the “Snack Shack” again for the 2013 season selling snacks and drinks.

Community Events

The AARA, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Program and local businesses brought back the movies in the park series. There were 4 movies sponsored throughout the summer. Our thanks go out to Karen Potter for the use of her movie projector and screen. These events would not have happened if not for her generosity. Northway Bank, Pemi Equipment Rentals and the AARA sponsored the movies. These movies in the park are planning on returning for the 2014 summer season. If people or businesses are interested in sponsoring a movie please contact the Parks and Recreation

ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Ashland Electric Commission

In 2013 we saw Electric Department Employee Devin Anderson leave in February for deployment to Afghanistan. While being deployed, Devin was promoted to Corporal. We anxiously await his return. Thanks go to all our Military, Current and Retired, for protecting our Country.

Thank you to the Residents on North Ashland Road and Route 175 for their patience and understanding during the installation of our new lines. The good news is all of you are now on the new Hendrix and the old has been de-energized. This should make for better continuity of service, meaning less outages.

During 2013 we have continued our tree trimming program, installed approximately 4 miles of Single and Three Phase Hendrix Wire, about 3 miles of Secondary Wire, 1000 Feet of Underground Primary and 700 Feet of Underground Secondary.

From all of us at the Electric Department, we wish to thank you for allowing us to serve you.

ASHLAND WATER & SEWER
COMMISSIONERS REPORT 2013

ALAN J. CILLEY, ROBERT BOYLE, JOHN HUGHES

We continue to work on our septage receiving station project. Our engineering firm, Woodard & Curran submitted our plans to NHDES for their approval earlier this year. Design approval was denied in Sept 2013 by NHDES. Additional information and clarification of site plan and mechanical engineering were requested. This has been done and resubmitted to NHDES. We are hopeful to have this approval early in 2014. We are submitting a grant application to RDA and NHDES in the hope of obtaining up to \$400,000.00 towards the funding of the receiving station project.

Rate increases for water and sewer users was a topic of discussion during 2013. During the budget process, it became clear that to provide safe and reliable services, to maintain and preserve the integrity of the infrastructure system, and the need for capital improvement projects, rates had to increase. From 2000 to 2011 there had been no increases in either water or sewer rates. The first increase in water rates was done in 2012, with no increase in the sewer rates. The increase in water and sewer rates beginning January 1, 2014 will help cover the cost of daily operations in the future.

The Commissioners have put together their CIP program. In the next 15 years, there are 5.8 million dollars of water and sewer projects that need to be done. Water improvements are at the top of the list. The cleaning of the lagoons is the top priority on the sewer side. The Commissioners realize that the ratepayers will not be able to pay for these projects. Revenues from septage receiving, available grants, and bank loans will be used to fund these projects.

Utility Partners continues to go above and beyond what their obligations are to the management and operation of our water and sewer systems. With their expertise and knowledge to guide us, the residents and ratepayers of Ashland will continue to receive the best services and long term planning that we can provide.

The Commissioners would also like to thank all the other departments that helped or assisted us during the year 2013.

BUILDING INSPECTION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

Submitted by James VanValkenburgh

In 2013 there were some changes in our Building Department. Bob Hicks resigned/retired in June. My name is Jim VanValkenburgh and I replaced Bob. I will do my best to keep the high standards he set for this department. Butch Smith is still our electrical inspector, and Eric Ames our plumbing inspector.

107 permit applications were accepted this year. This number compares with the previous years 123 permits in 2012 and 148 in 2011. The permit application types break down to the following:

- 45 Building permits
- 21 Electric permits
- 19 Plumbing permits
- 15 Heating permits
- 2 Sign permits
- 3 Driveway permits

Building permit applications can be obtained at the Town Office. My office hours are from 10 AM to 12 PM Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and by appointment. I am there to process your applications, answer your questions about building/zoning codes and the building process. Site visits and inspections are also scheduled by appointments.

My goal is to provide Ashland with safe and quality buildings for the homeowner, the landlord/tenant, and the businesses in Ashland, to provide positive, swift and efficient services. I welcome any suggestions to achieve this goal.

ASHLAND JULY 4 REPORT

Submitted by Katie Maher and Kathy Jaquith

The 2013 Ashland Fourth of July Parade on Thursday, July 4th and the Fireworks on Friday, July 5th enjoyed great weather, big crowds and endless entertainment in this 53rd consecutive celebration. These events continue to draw thousands of spectators from around the region and much valued visibility for our wonderful town. This year also included an Ashland Home Days celebration in the Ball Field immediately following the parade with games, crafts, entertainment and food.

A total of \$23,500 was raised, helping to defray the prior year's shortages and the \$20,300 in expenses for 2013. Fundraising included T-shirts, buttons, totes, canisters, field collections, parking, a 50/50 raffle, Midway vendors and the Common Man Pancake Breakfast on July 4th and BBQ on July 5th which, all totaled, raised 75% of the funds needed for 2014 events. New in 2013 was sponsorship advertising which included a new program and banners on the back stop of the ball field which raised the final 25% needed for 2014.

The 2013 Parade Marshall was Patti Heinz. The parade was dedicated to Mary Ruell, a life long supporter of Ashland's Fourth of July celebrations. She served on the Committee for decades in various capacities 'retiring' 4 years ago but continuing to volunteer at the events, notably the annual Common Man Pancake Breakfast held before the Parade. Her enthusiastic smile while greeting diners will be missed. The Committee received many generous donations in her memory and is planning to honor her at future events.

The 2014 Parade is scheduled for Friday, July 4th at 10:00 AM and Fireworks on Saturday, July 5th at dusk (rain date Sunday, July 6th). The Committee will be reaching out to area businesses and supporters to fill our program and banner space on the field for our 2015 events and continue fundraising through sales and donations.

In 2013, the A4JC and the Town of Ashland worked collaboratively to reestablish the A4JC under the appropriate legal entity to insure that the town, volunteers, donors, participants and spectators are covered by adequate insurance and the monies donated are tax deductible. Effective October 7, 2013, the Ashland Fourth of July Committee (A4JC) became a sub-Committee of the Ashland Area Recreation Association (AARA), a NH 501c3 not-for-profit corporation. The Town of Ashland sponsors all Fourth of July events executing all legal agreements & payments, engaging volunteers and overseeing all rules of conduct and safety. The Fourth of July Committee handles all fundraising & publicity.

The A4JC must present a budget for the coming year's parade and fireworks to the Ashland Board of Select (BOS) by December 1st each year and once approved will transfer the funds required to pay all vendors in January. Going forward, the Town of Ashland Budget will include a line item for income from the A4JC and an equal line item for Patriotic expenses, with the A4JC providing all the funding for the vendor expenses paid by the Town for these events.

The 2013 Ashland Fourth of July Committee included Patty Heinz, Co-Chair; Katie Maher, Co-Chair; Amanda Loud, Secretary; Kathy Jaquith, Treasurer; Bob Baker; Liz Cody; Glenn Dion; Caroline Gosse; Cathy Landroche; Jerome Landroche; Jane Sawyer; Jason Lyon, COO Common Man; Jamie Saxe, Manager, Ashland Common Man; Paul Branscombe, Ashland Town Administrator; Steve Heath, Ashland Fire Chief; and Tony Randall, Ashland Police Chief. The Committee offers special thanks to the Gosse family who continue to handle our button sales, donations and 50/50 raffle ticket sales on the field during the fireworks and Kendall Hughes & Steve Jaquith who assisted in organizing the parade participants. The Common Man Team continues to be a valued partner helping to raise money, recruit volunteers and provide food and entertainment for our spectators. Finally, enormous thanks to the sponsors, donors, advertisers and participants for helping us raise the necessary funds to insure another great celebration in 2014 with free entertainment and fireworks for all to enjoy.

ASHLAND 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE

Financial Report December 31, 2013

Balance on hand, January 1, 2013	\$17,621.66
Interest for the year	\$ 1.06

Income

Donations	\$1,091.09
Field Collection	\$650.00
50/50 Raffle	\$2,069.00
Canister Donations	\$1,594.00
Button Sales	\$1,181.00
Tee Shirt Sales	\$1,780.00
Tote Bags	\$195.00
Pancake Breakfast	\$3,682.00
BBQ & Food Booth	\$1,506.00
Vendors	\$3,250.00
Parking (AARA)	\$800.00
Ads / Banners	\$6,040.00
Mem. Donations for Mary Ruell	\$245.00
Old Home Days	\$18.00

Total

+\$24,101.09

Expenditures

Fireworks (Atlas PyroVision)	\$11,250.00
Parade (2 units)	\$900.00
Awards /Prizes	\$137.75
Entertainment	\$1,650.00
Toilets (Maple Ridge Septic Services)	\$1,645.00
Buttons (True Colors)	\$412.50
Tee Shirts / Tote Bags (N.E. Printwear)	\$1,769.75
Ad Booklets (JD Design & Print)	\$557.00
Banners (JD Design & Print)	\$270.00
Badges (JD Design & Print)	\$35.00
Food Costs (Great American Dining)	\$1,500.00
Postage / Box Rent (Postmaster, Ashland)	\$96.00
Cotton Candy / Sno Cone Supplies (A.M. Rand's)	\$76.44
New Checks	\$93.59

Total

\$20,393.03

Balance on hand, December 31, 2013

\$21,330.78

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Ashland Friends,

As Chair of the Ashland Budget Committee, I'm pleased to provide you with this report of our current year budget deliberations. This year was particularly challenging as we continue to weigh public service needs with decreasing non-property tax revenues.

As you can note in the Town Budget Warrant Article, we were unable to meet our internal goal of having no net property tax burdens placed on Ashland tax payers. This was due primarily to reduced non-property tax revenues and increases in expenses for both the elementary school and town. Notable increases in expenses involved some capital improvements at the Town Office and the purchase of new equipment for the Recycling Center. Additional expenses involved increased personnel salaries per Selectboard contracts and voter approved teacher wage increases. At the same time, however, there were some welcome decreases in health insurance and in debt payments.

This year, the Budget Committee challenged each Department Head to prioritize the development of state and federal grants as well as investigate opportunities to consolidate or share operations with neighboring municipalities. The Committee strongly feels that these activities can increase non-property tax revenues and/or greatly assist in reducing expenses. It should be noted that, during the past year, both the Fire Department and Elementary School increased the amount of grants to their respective operations, thereby saving taxpayers many thousands of dollars.

The Committee is particularly grateful for the creation of the the Ashland Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee. Thanks to the efforts of Town Department Heads, the utility commissioners, and the SAU#2 Central Office, this Committee has dutifully researched our community's long term capital improvement needs and rolled out strategies to use reserve funds to pay for them. Such necessary planning was absent in years past, the Budget Committee's partial efforts notwithstanding. Considering the intense level of research, the Budget Committee voted to support the CIP Committee's recommendations that certain amounts of funds be placed in reserves for future use. Without reserves, the Town and School will have to absorb such high costs within their operating budgets, a situation that can lead to dramatic "spikes and valleys" in the municipal tax rate. We have already seen that happen with the Fire Department roof; an unplanned emergency expense that led to a substantial increase in the Department's budget last year. We urge your support for these capital improvement funds.

Finally, we continue to urge the creation of an economic development committee of the Town. Our community's fiscal challenges are compounded by the Town's low property valuation. The principal way to address this situation is through economic growth.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve our great community!

Mark Scarano, Chair, Ashland Budget Committee

ASHLAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE (CIP COMMITTEE)

Submitted by Chairman/Steve Felton on behalf of members:

Mark Scarano/Vice Chair, Susan MacLeod/Secretary, Anne Abear, Jeanette Stewart/Select board liaison Norm DeWolfe/Select board alternate

The CIP completed the first full year as a committee with the purpose of working with the various town departments to include town, utilities, and school to identify and recommend capital project needs for which the town will need to find funding sources.

The CIP Committee looks at anticipated capital project needs over the next 10 years to help identify: Degree of urgency and purpose of need, cost, help in identifying funding sources, probable operating and maintenance costs, and any anticipated revenue generated.

The committee was created by warrant article and the purpose is to help the governing bodies of the town and the budget committee in their preparation of the annual budget and help the town residents to better understand the current and future financial needs related to capital improvement project costs to allow better long term planning as they vote for operating budget and warrant articles each year.

Capital projects are defined as any projects requiring \$10,000 or more and have a useful life of 3 years or more. They include everything from building purchase and maintenance to vehicle and equipment replacement and utility infrastructure additions, maintenance, and replacement. The committee has met with all of the town departments, the school, and utilities. Based on the info provided from them, use of master plan objectives, and depreciation schedules of existing capital, we have created a 10 year projected cost analysis by year, by department and have begun to identify sources of funding which could include capital reserve savings, operating budget appropriation, leases, grants, and loans.

The committee also looks at these projected capital project costs and the effect on our tax rates to try to identify the most tax stable method to accomplish the funding of the capital project needs. All information is available on the town web site under CIP Committee and includes 10 year projections, minutes of our meetings and other documents produced from our work. We also provided the town and budget committee with recommendations for the 2014 budget and presented some of our findings as part of financial forums on Sept 11 and Dec 9. Our goal in 2014 will be to improve on the process we have begun and make this a normal part of the annual budget process for all departments and provide useful information to help the town accomplish our mutual goals of a well- run financially sound and affordable community.

ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY

Ashland Town Library “by the numbers” for 2013:

- **Patron visits: 10,323 (9,489 in 2012)**
- **Programs offered: 102**
- **Items circulated: 15,506 (13,909 in 2012)**
- **Computer users: 1,356**
- **Home visits: 37**

The Ashland Town Library saw increases in patrons and circulation in 2013. Patrons visiting the library increased by 834, and items circulated increased by 1,597. The downloadable book service has continued to be popular. Over 600 books have been downloaded this year. Patrons can download books to various devices via the library website, <http://www.ashlandtownlibrary.org/main.asp>.

The Ashland Town Library held a series of outdoor concerts this summer that were well-attended. A new program this year has been the addition of a Young Adult Book Group.

Many other programs were offered this year, including:

- Reading with Willow, a program from Therapy Dogs International that encourages children to read by providing a non-judgmental listener. Willow visited 23 times this year.
- Pre-school story times (13)
- Adult Book Discussion Groups (9)
- Young Adult Book Discussion Groups (2)
- Knitting Group (19)

Parks and Recreation visited the library 20 times during 2013. The library also hosted community events such as trick or treating for the Halloween Parade, and photos with Santa Claus during Christmas Night in Ashland.

The Library Trustees spent time this year exploring possibilities for expanding the library. This included working with Tom Samyn on the possibility of renovating the library or using another building.

At the end of 2013, the trustees were working with town officials, architects and others on the feasibility of purchasing the Old School for use as a public library for Ashland. A larger, improved library would enable us to increase the size of the collection, provide more technology for patron use, provide additional casual seating and work space for patrons, and provide larger spaces for children and adult programs and community events.

The Friends of the Library raised funds with their annual book sale during the Town Wide Yard Sale, and donated many dvds, books, and sponsored programs. They also purchased the online genealogy database Heritage Quest. The library trustees are very grateful for the hard work of this group! If you would like to join the Friends of the Ashland Town Library, please contact the library for more information.

Many thanks to the Scribner Memorial Trustees for their work on the library building and grounds, including repairs and re-siding.

The Board of Trustees of Ashland Town Library would like to especially thank the very hard-working library staff, Sara Weinberg, Terry Fouts, Lisa Rollins, Linda Simko, and Adam Di Filippi. All of the above mentioned accomplishments are due to their commitment to bring the best possible service and information resources to the citizens of Ashland.

ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY

2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNTS

DONATIONS

Balance, Dec. 31, 2012	\$5,041.20
Donations Deposited	1,865.68
Interest	5.51
Transfers to General Fund	(518.88)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2013	\$6,393.51

COMPUTER FUND

Balance, Dec. 31, 2102	\$789.81
Deposit from Appropriation	750.00
Interest	.96
Balance, Dec. 31, 2103	\$1,540.77

PATRON FEES

Balance, Dec. 31, 2012	\$396.85
Patron Fees Deposited	\$570.00
Interest	.68
Balance, Dec. 31, 2013	\$967.53

COPIER FEES

Balance, Dec. 31, 2012	\$149.02
Copier Fees Deposited	456.67
Interest	.28
Transfers to General Fund	(322.16)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2013	\$283.81

LOST BOOK FUND

Established June 11, with a transfer from the General Fund	\$463.56
Deposits for Lost Materials	97.99
Interest	.30
Balance, Dec. 31, 2013	\$561.85

GENERAL FUND

Balance, start of fiscal year	\$4,083.97
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INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$59,555.00
Transfer from Donations	518.88
Transfer from Copier Fees	322.16
NH Humanities Council Grant	250.00
Reimbursement of lost books	31.99
Sale of Book	10.00
Interest	.46

Total Income	\$60,688.49
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Total Available Funds	\$64,772.46
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EXPENDITURES

Wages	\$35,330.58
FICA	2,228.07
Medicare	521.07
Audios	1,228.29
Books	8,295.07
Subscriptions	424.79
Videos	1,310.57
Downloadable Books	400.00
Equipment	134.49
Public Access Computer Fund	750.00
Software	197.48
Tech Support and Web Catalog	1,678.00
Cleaning	2,769.00
Code Compliance	197.76
Dues	120.00
Mileage	66.87
Miscellaneous	13.79
Postage	199.52
Appraisal of Old School	1,000.00
Programs	1,022.75
Supplies	1,360.35
Utilities and Telephone	1,717.14
Transfer to Lost Book Fund	463.56

Total Expenditures	\$61,429.15
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Balance, end of fiscal year	\$3,343.31
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HEALTH OFFICER

The goal of Ashland's Health Officer is to support New Hampshire's overall public health goal of maintaining and improving the health and well-being of all residents. As such, the Health Officer is responsible for three critical functions.

- 1) To enforce applicable New Hampshire laws and regulations as well as local ordinances and regulations.
- 2) To serve as a liaison between state officials, local elected officials, and our community on issues concerning local environmental and public health.
- 3) To be a leader and active participant in efforts to develop regional environmental and public health capacities.

In Ashland, the Health Officer also serves as a permanent member to the Housing Standards Board, engaging in dialogue with the Fire Chief and three other community members who collectively seek to improve the health and well being of Ashland residents, specifically concerning rental units to ensure that they meet standards.

During 2013, the Health Officer responded to numerous calls from residents, businesses and schools. An annual State health inspection of the Ashland Elementary was completed as well as an inspection of a prospective day care facility. Resident concerns included lack of heat and black mold. In addition several concerns over excess refuse were addressed. When appropriate, meetings were held with the Ashland Police Department, Fire Chief, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer to discuss noted life safety and code violations.

During 2014, in addition to responding to citizen health concerns, a primary goal will be the critical work with the Ashland Housing Standards Board. In addition, it will remain important to seek out state training opportunities and to stay abreast of state and national health concerns.

Fran Newton
Ashland Health Officer

ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY- 2013

Submitted by David Ruell, President

Unlike recent years, 2013 was not marked by any major historic preservation work by the Ashland Historical Society. However, the Society's members still found much to do and future work to plan for.

Maintaining and operating our three museums is always a major focus of our efforts. The gas stove in the Whipple House apartment began to leak, so it was replaced by a new electric stove. The Whipple House Museum also saw repairs to the plumbing, a light, and one window sash. Twenty-one windows, the board fence and the adjoining Toy Museum sign were fixed and painted. Four fire extinguishers were installed. Trees, branches, brush and a large stump were removed. The summer exhibit on Little Squam Lake and the navigable portion of the Squam River featured many photographs and a few artifacts. The Whipple House Museum collection grew mostly from gifts, notably 15 Ashland art works bequeathed by Mary Ruell, one of the Society's founders and a very active member for decades.

The Archives collection outgrew its filing cabinets. But, a public appeal led to the donation of three more cabinets, which were all soon put to use. The Archives collection continued to grow, most notably with five more years of Ashland news items from local newspapers, a collection that now covers 1848 through 1936.

The Ashland Railroad Station Museum also saw additions to its collection, particularly a drill for boltholes in rails, signs, and an outdoor telephone box. The largest addition was a small gatekeeper's shanty, formerly located at the Winona train station, which was donated by the Fleming family and moved to the museum grounds in August. The Society began raising funds for the repainting of the Station, as it has not been painted for fifteen years. The Station hosted a visit by local school children, N.H. Railroad Days, eight fall foliage trains, visitors from a model railroad convention, and Councilor Ray Burton's last fall train ride.

The Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum changed its days and hours for the summer and held its annual Appraisal Day in August. The Toy Museum exterior was repaired and painted. A special exhibit of dollhouses was the highlight of the summer season.

The Society's outside exhibits are enlarged copies of historic photographs. Four exhibits at the Utility Office featured the Sled Dog Races of 1926 and 1927, the National Register of Historic Places properties in Ashland, St. Mark's Episcopal Church and St. Agnes Catholic Church. The subject of the Christmas Night exhibit was Winter in Ashland.

The Society sponsored four free public programs. Local covered bridge builder and restorer Stanley Graton spoke on "Building Covered Bridges". Three New Hampshire Humanities Council programs focused on the state's Civil War monuments and memorials, the Old Man of the Mountain, and New Hampshire's Native Americans in the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries.

Besides the various appeals for the Railroad Station painting, our fundraising included our annual membership and business sponsorship drives in the spring, the annual membership appeal in the fall, donations at the museums, rentals at the Town Wide Yard Sale, and a food sale at the Burton train ride. We also benefited from the rent of the Whipple House apartment, a donation from the local tourist railroad, and a significant amount given in memory of Mary Ruell by her friends and relatives. We appreciate all who donated to the Society in 2013.

The Society is now considering the restoration of the Reuben Whitten House, which has languished behind the Whipple House for years while other buildings and projects have taken priority. Our hope is that the upcoming 200th anniversary of “The Year Without A Summer” in 2016 will provide an opportunity to raise funds for the building’s long overdue restoration.

Another anniversary that we are looking forward to is the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of Ashland in 2018. To plan for that celebration, the selectmen have created the 150th Anniversary Committee with which we hope to work closely. We have established two committees of our own. The Video History Committee will work on videotaping our older residents and their memories of Ashland. The Publications Study Committee will consider what publications should be produced for the Reuben Whitten and 150th anniversaries.

As always, we must acknowledge and thank all those who gave their time, money and labor to the Society’s museums, exhibits, programs and projects during the year. We could not function without their generous support.

HOUSING STANDARDS BOARD

It was a rebuilding year for the Housing Standards Board. Membership changed: welcomed were Katie Maher, Kendall B. Hughes and Fran Newton in her new position of Town Health Officer, joining Eli Badger and Fire Chief Steve Heath.

The role of the Board was the primary topic of discussion, and the Board decided on a course of action. The Board will be concentrating on supporting the Life Safety Officer (Chief Heath) and the Town's Health Officer in their efforts of inspecting all rental properties in the town.

The Board will be sending letters to the landlords informing them of the State and Town's requirements for inspection. The bulk of the inspections will be handled by the Life Safety Inspectors from the Fire Department who will be helping the landlords understand how to come into compliance with State regulations as well as Life Safety 101 NFPA1. All matters that are found to be health issues will be turned over to the Health Officer.

Please go to the Town's website, www.ashland.nh.gov, for more information on the minimum standards.

E. L. Badger, Chair

Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month, 4 p.m. at the Ashland Fire Station

ASHLAND PLANNING BOARD

Regular Members: Elisabeth Cody, Susan MacLeod, Gordon McCormack Jr., Frances Newton
and ex officio Selectmen Phil Preston

Alternate members: Anthony Randall, Cheryl Cox, and ex officio Normand DeWolfe

RSA 672:1 Declaration of Purpose states that planning and zoning is the responsibility of a municipal government to meet more effectively the demands of evolving and growing communities with proper regulations that enhance the public health, safety and general welfare and encourage appropriate and wise use of land. It further states, “The citizens of a municipality should be actively involved in directing the growth of their community.” To that end, the updating of the *Town of Ashland Master Plan* is almost complete, now having nine chapters in place with Economic Development being adopted this past July. The *Implementation* chapter currently in progress fulfills the intentions of a master plan as stated in RSA 674:2 as “*a long range action program of specific actions, time frames, allocation of responsibility for actions, description of land development regulations to be adopted, and procedures which the municipality may use to monitor and measure the effectiveness of each section of the plan.*” The Master Plan is designed to be carried out in stages over a number of years, with ongoing monitoring and annual review and updating as needed. The key to the success of this strategic plan is communication and cooperation amongst all the departments, commissions, committees and boards responsible for running this Town. Public participation is also essential.

In 2013, the Town approved an amendment to the *Zoning Ordinance* that added a definition of “sign”, and to update the *Building Regulations* to the most current International Code.

A major project to be on the 2014 ballot was crafting an ordinance to address Large Wind Power Systems. This Ordinance would be adopted pursuant to the enabling provisions of NH RSA 674:1,V, NH RSA 674:16, NH RSA 674:17(j), and NH RSA 162-H and provisions of NH RSA 674:21. The ordinance covers: large wind energy system requirements addressing Design, Manufacture, Construction, and Maintenance Standards, Height, Setbacks, Communications Interference, Sound Pressure Level Limits and Measurement, Shadow Flicker, Tower Shadowing, Blade Glint, Public Infrastructure, Erosion and Storm Water Control, Safety, Rescue, Fire, and Hazard Protection, Environmental Impact, Visual Impact and Financial, Technical, and Managerial Capability; the Application Procedure that includes required surveys and studies; acknowledging easements and leases; accessibility to purchase power for local use; ongoing requirements for monitoring and reporting; addressing public inquiries and complaints; enforcement and penalties; decommissioning; and financial assurance.

The Board is in charge of hearing proposals for subdivisions, site plans, and boundary line adjustments. In 2013, there were: 7 pre-application consultations for proposed businesses; 4 Site Plan reviews; an approval for a subdivision on Mechanic St.; an approval for a “condominiumization” on Leavitt Hill Rd.; an approved home occupation for daycare; and approvals for 2 lot line adjustments. The Board continued to monitor the progress on Leavitt Hill Road for the Squam River Landing development.

In accordance with the *Site Plan Review Regulations*, any proposed new business (by a land-owner or tenant) is required to come before the Planning Board for review. It is recommended to come for a (no cost) pre-application consultation where any requirements would be outlined. Home Occupations can be submitted in writing for review. Information and all forms are available on the Town website and available at the Town Office.

2014 looks to be a productive year as the Board works on bringing recommendations for the Town's growth to fruition and this can best be done with participation of the community.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

This year, the Ashland Conservation Commission continued to work on the Natural Resource Inventory. If you are interested in the natural resources of the town, please see information on the Conservation Commission's section of the Town of Ashland website.

The Conservation Commission participated in the NH Lake Host program once again. Thank you to Dan Vachon for educating Squam River and Squam Lake boaters on invasive species such as Variable Milfoil.

The Conservation Commission also hosted a UNH Cooperative Extension Speaking for Wildlife presentation. Thank you to Wentworth resident and UNH Cooperative Extension volunteer Linda Brownson for an excellent presentation on New Hampshire's Wild History: 350 Years of NH Wildlife.

The Conservation Commission, specifically member Dan Stack, has been active in the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, which includes water quality monitoring of the Pemigewasset River. For more information about the group, please visit http://www.lakesrpc.org/pemi_overview.asp.

This year, the Conservation Commission began water quality monitoring of the Squam River from the Covered Bridge down to the Collins Street Bridge. Results of the water quality testing will be available on the Conservation Commission's section of the town's website when available. If you are interested in volunteering to take water samples, please contact the Conservation Commission at the information below.

The Conservation Commission has welcomed Gordon McCormack Jr. to the commission. In 2014, we will welcome Joe Mazzone to the commission. We are always looking for people to assist the commission as an alternates or to volunteer to help with water quality monitoring, Lake Hosting, or mapping. If interested, please contact us.

Our meetings are the second Wednesday of the month. The meetings begin at 6:30PM and are at the town hall. All are welcome. Thank you for supporting the natural resources of Ashland.

The Ashland Conservation Commission can be reached by calling Chair Stacy Luke at 968-3195 or emailing us at ashlandconcom@gmail.com.

ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK

Submitted by: Trustees – Steven Jaquith, Chairman; Phil Preston, and Ernie Hutter
Treasurer – Kathy Jaquith

We, the Park Trustees, continue on our quest to make the Memorial Park as picturesque as possible, as well as functional and a place for all to enjoy. This year we have been working with a Committee comprised of members of the Ashland Garden Club on a project to renovate the Park by trying to raise funds. This has turned out to be a very daunting task.

The Trustees had also hoped to replace the old stairways with new, but hit a snag with inadequate funds, so that will have to be part of the renovation project, as well.

As usual, Ali-Di Landscaping did their great job of mulching and trimming, and cleaning up.

This year, again, Tim Paquette and his crew from the Public Works Department did a super job of mowing in the Park and it was especially appreciated.

Thanks go out to Brad Wolff and his group of school children from the Ashland School dept. who did a wonderful job cleaning up our waterfront.

All in all, we had a productive year and we continue to receive input from outside sources – the Town Administrator, as well as the Ashland Garden Club – all ideas are welcome.

Mary Ruell passed on this past year and we all want to express our condolences and acknowledge the work she did for the Park as a Trustee and as Treasurer.

Remember, if you wish to make a monetary donation to YOUR park, the address is: P O Box 320, Ashland, NH 03217.

Once again, a Thank You to all.

2013 Financial Statement – Kathryn E. Jaquith, Treasurer

Balance on hand – January 1, 2013		\$4,787.10
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Income: Memorial Donations for Mary Ruell	\$295.00	
Community Council – Town Wide Yard Sale	\$106.50	
Interest for 2013	\$.43	
Total Income	+\$401.93	
		\$5,189.03

Expenditures: Post Office – Box Rent	\$ 44.00	
Ali-Di Properties – Maintenance	\$1,102.50	
JD Design & Print – Signs	\$ 125.00	
Total Expenditures	- \$1,271.50	
		\$3,917.53



ASHLAND NH 150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Sesquicentennial 2018

On October 7th, 2013 the Ashland Board of Select voted to establish the Ashland NH 150th Anniversary Committee which the town will be celebrating in 2018 and to appoint the committee members. The first and only meeting of 2013 was held on October 30th and the following positions were established: Kendall Hughes, Chair; Bob Baker, Vice Chair; Jane Sawyer, Secretary; Katie Maher, Treasurer; and Susan MacLeod, Corresponding Secretary.

URL's and Facebook pages for AshlandNH150.org were established. A PO Box will be established for the committee.

Meetings will be held every other month on the Last Tuesday through 2014 at the Ashland Firehouse at 6PM. Meetings in 2014 will be held on January 28, March 25, May 27, July 29, September 30 and November 25.

Ashland not-for-profit, church, charity and club organizations will be contacted to provide a representative to attend future meetings. The Ashland Historical Society has set up a committee to write a 50-year compendium historical update to accompany the existing 100th anniversary book. Committee members placed business card containers around town highlighting all the upcoming anniversaries in Ashland over the next five years.

Celebration Schedule

2016

200th Anniversary of "The Year Without A Summer

25th Anniversary of Glidden Toy Museum

255th Anniversary of "New" Holderness

2017

180th Anniversary of the Whipple House

2018

150th Anniversary of Ashland

50th Anniversary of Ashland Historical Society

50th Anniversary of Memorial Park

140th Anniversary of Whipple birth

2019

150th Anniversary of Ashland Train Station

Respectfully Submitted by Katie Maher

2013

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES 2013

5-Apr-13 Robert W. Crawford Jr.	Stephanie J. Giordani	Camptom
20-Apr-13 Erin R. Robertie	Robert C. Crosby Jr.	Holderness
27-Apr-13 Jeremy T. Dunton	Gloria J. Lamson	Ashland
1-Jun-13 Lee D. Torsey	Casey B. Avery	Tilton
29-Jun-13 Alan J. Cilley	Christine M. Austin	Ashland
17-Aug-13 Karen H. Donovan	Brian P. Moriarty	Moultonborough
5-Oct-13 Denise M. Huckins	Nathan R. Coolidge	Ashland
19-Nov-13 Jeremiah Conkey	Jessica Chase	Rumney

BIRTHS 2013

DATE	CHILD	FATHER	MOTHER	PLACE
7-Jan-13	Kendrick Wayne Mackay	Bruce Mackay	Natalie Mackay	Plymouth
5-Feb-13	Bridgett-Lee Veloski	Scott Veloski	Jessica-Lee Veloski	Plymouth
19-Feb-13	Isabella Jewel Jirkovsky	John Jirkovsky Jr.	Trisha Ware	Plymouth
11-Apr-13	Emmett James Twitchell	Kenneth Twitchell II	Kristen Twitchell	Plymouth
28-Apr-13	Orin Tai Reese	Jess Reese	Molly Reese	Laconia
21-May-13	Jameson Vernon Dalton-Jandreau	Vicky Jandreau	Elizabeth Dalton-Jandreau	Plymouth
11-Jun-13	Cameron Nicholas Croteau	Dennis Croteau	Jamie Eastman	Plymouth
11-Jul-13	Iris Hayiera Berti		Marissa Berti	Ashland
21-Aug-13	Rylee Autumn Hahn	Christopher Hahn	Kassilyn Ortuno	Plymouth
26-Aug-13	Kadon Micheal Beveridge	Jerome Beveridge	Crystal Heath	Concord
13-Sep-13	Kaidance Marie Boynton	Ian Boynton	Sarah Sack	Plymouth
20-Sep-13	Landon Andrew Salmon	Andrew Salmon	Brynne Salmon	Lebanon
26-Oct-13	Brayden Lewis Mudgett	Jeff Mudgett	Tara Mudgett	Plymouth
10-Nov-13	Abel Robert Mikeal Eaton	Robert Eaton Jr.	Judyann Morrill	Concord
5-Dec-13	Zachary Michael Sousa	Nathan Sousa	Megan Abjornson	Lebanon
10-Dec-13	Dylan Michael Thibeault		Rhonda Thibeault	Concord

DEATHS 2013

DATE	DECEDENT	FATHER	MOTHER	PLACE
2-Jan-13	James Reera	Matthew Reera	Franses Frisbee	Ashland
21-Mar-13	Doris Barter	Buel Graves	Harriet Tenney	Franklin
12-Apr-13	Winifred Clark	George Beal	Maybelle Mansfield	Lebanon
6-May-13	Laura Berglund	Frank Jones II	Delores Meissner	Plymouth
6-May-13	Spencer Hadlock	Ernest Hadlock	Nina Crandall	Lebanon
8-May-13	Margaret Swift	Charles Quimby	Lizzie Rowell	Plymouth
23-May-13	Susan Barney	Raymond Rannacher	Rita Cloutier	Meredith
21-Jun-13	Mary Ruell	Thomas Walsh	E. Walsh	Ashland
19-Jul-13	Dorothy Downing	Edmund Stirling	Charlotte Bonner	Plymouth
25-Jul-13	Paul Holt Sr.	Woodbury Holt	Jacqueline Kimball	Ashland
5-Aug-13	Richard Flanders	John Flanders	Irene Tenney	Ashland
6-Aug-13	Stephen Thibeault	Armand Thibeault	Janet Richardson	Lebanon
12-Aug-13	Allison McKenna Tucker	Robert E. Tucker	Patricia Calley	Plymouth
9-Sep-13	Grace Mahar	Adrian Fillion	Viola Sciarretta	Meredith
11-Sep-13	Randolph Pierce	Franklin Pierce	Ollie Cook	Plymouth
13-Sep-13	Roland Bourassa	Aime Bourassa	Delvina Beaulieu	N. Haverhill
8-Oct-13	Norma Cummings	Edward Smith	Mary Bilodeau	Laconia
12-Oct-13	Mark Hormell	Robert Hormell	Catherine McManuis	Merrimack
6-Nov-13	Olga Szczebak	Stanley Nawrocka	Anna Kukulski	Ashland
8-Nov-13	Lorraine Lyford	Arthur Drews	Eleanor Scanlon	Meredith
3-Dec-13	Eugene St. Godard Jr.	Eugene St. Godard Sr	Lillian Paquin	Ashland
13-Dec-13	Henry MacDonald	Alexander MacDonald	Ruth Sawyer	Laconia
25-Dec-13	Carroll Cote	Harry Cote	Rose Ruel	Plymouth

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)230-5090

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

: _____ Year **ASHLAND** 2013

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)			
Property Taxes	#3110		\$390,845.56			
Resident Taxes	#3180		\$0.00			
Land Use Change	#3120		\$0.00			
Yield Taxes	#3185		\$0.00			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		\$0.00			
Utility Charges	#3189		\$2,902.51	\$276.55		
Property Tax Credit Balance**		< >	\$0.00			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**		< >	\$0.00			
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR			For DRA Use Only			
Property Taxes	#3110	\$5,678,665.96				\$0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$0.00				\$0.00
Land Use Change	#3120	\$173.00				\$0.00
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$4,141.92				\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$0.00				\$0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$1,250.39				\$1,899.74
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS						
Property Taxes	#3110	\$9,365.86	\$0.00			
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Land Use Change	#3120	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$0.00	\$0.00			
2014 CREDIT		\$750.00	\$0.00			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$4,756.91	\$21,082.76			
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$0.00				
TOTAL DEBITS		\$5,699,104.04	\$416,730.57	\$276.55	\$	

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's amounts pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

**The amount is already included in the warrant & therefore in line #3110 as positive amount for this year's levy.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTFor the Municipality of ASHLAND Year Ending 2013**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year of This Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	\$5,201,568.94	\$235,284.51		
Resident Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Land Use Change	\$173.00	\$0.00		
Yield Taxes	\$970.85	\$0.00		
Interest (include lien conversion)	\$4,756.91	\$21,082.76		
Penalties	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Utility Charges	\$1,250.39	\$0.00	\$276.55	
Conversion to Lien (principal only)	\$0.00	\$155,317.59		
2014 TAX	\$750.00	\$0.00		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				
ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	\$5,898.96	\$4,107.66		
Resident Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Land Use Change	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Yield Taxes	\$2,131.30	\$0.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Utility Charges	\$0.00	\$938.05		
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080				
Property Taxes	\$480,563.92			
Resident Taxes	\$0.00			
Land Use Change	\$0.00			
Yield Taxes	\$1,039.77			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00			
Utility Charges	\$0.00			
Property Tax Credit Balance**	\$0.00			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	\$0.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$5,699,104.04	\$416,730.57	\$276.55	\$

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a
(Be sure to include a positive amount in the appropriate taxes or charges actually remitted to the treasurer).

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTFor the Municipality of ASHLAND Year Ending 2013**DEBITS**

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
	2013	2012	2011	2010-2009
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beg. Of Year	\$0.00	\$113,596.11	\$55,209.24	\$25,210.15
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$168,702.50	\$0.00		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$2,822.12	\$11,257.93	\$15,199.85	\$570.83
TOTAL DEBITS	\$171,524.62	\$124,854.04	\$70,409.09	\$25,780.98

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Redemptions		\$50,339.49	\$51,600.93	\$36,266.31	\$18,708.80
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	\$2,822.12	\$11,257.93	\$15,199.85	\$570.83
REFUND				-\$489.28	
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$3,968.13			
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	#1110	\$114,394.88	\$61,995.18	\$19,432.21	\$6,501.35
TOTAL CREDITS		\$171,524.62	\$124,854.04	\$70,409.09	\$25,780.98

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? YES

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Patricia Tucker

6-Feb-14

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2013 Tax Rate Calculation

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11/15/13

TOWN/CITY: ASHLAND

Gross Appropriations	6,529,047
Less: Revenues	4,512,142
	0
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	35,633
War Service Credits	29,600

Net Town Appropriation	2,082,138
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	2,082,138
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TOWN RATE
9.15

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget:			
Gross Approp. - Revenue	3,056,839	289,197	2,767,642
Regional School Apportionment			1,257,204
Less: Education Grant			(782,108)

Education Tax (from below)	(561,182)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	2,681,556

LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
11.78

EDUCATION TAX

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.435
230,464,720	561,182
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
222,342,165	

STATE SCHOOL RATE
2.52

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	381,181
	0

Approved County Tax Effort	381,181
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COUNTY RATE
1.67

TOTAL RATE
25.12

Total Property Taxes Assessed	5,706,057
Less: War Service Credits	(29,600)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	5,676,457

PROOF OF RATE

Local Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
Education Tax (no utilities)	2.52	561,182
All Other Taxes	22.60	5,144,875
		5,706,057

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2013 GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNTS				
	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL YEAR 2013	INTEREST YEAR 2013	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PAYABLE				
\$235,631 - Water System Bond	March	\$ 6,041.83	\$ 3,614.02	\$ 169,164.41
Due Annually @ 3.99%	Sept	\$ 6,041.83	\$ 3,494.16	
Payable to Northway		\$ 12,083.66	\$ 7,108.18	
Final Payment 9/10/2027				
\$1,188,561 - Water Project	Jan	\$ 32,123.26	\$ 17,944.05	\$ 835,204.87
Interest @ 3.99%	July	\$ 32,123.26	\$ 17,288.96	
Payable to Northway		\$ 64,246.52	\$ 35,233.01	
Final Payment 7/16/2026				
\$1,384,005 - River St Improvement R1 /R2	Jan	\$ -	\$ 39,625.16	\$ -
Interest @ 4.5%				
Payable to USDA - Rural Development				
Final payment 1/10/2030 Refinanced 2012				
\$944,000 - River St Improvement R1 /R2	Jul	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 14,699.25	\$ 937,000.00
Interest @ 2.753%	Aug	\$ -	\$ 19,035.00	
Payable to NH MBB - Peoples United Bank		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 33,734.25	
Final payment 8/15/2029				
\$400,000 - Highway Project Bond	April	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 1,193.42	\$ -
Interest @ 3%				
Payable to Woodsville Savings Bank				
Final Payment 4/18/2013				
Totals		\$ 123,330.18	\$ 116,894.02	\$ 1,941,369.28
UNAMORTIZED BOND PREMIUM: CAPITAL LEASE				
\$438,899 - Fire Department Ladder Truck	July	\$ 55,214.00	\$ 5,037.80	\$ 57,678.00
All American Investment				
Final Payment 7/1/2014				
\$132,096.00 - Public Works Loader Lease\Purchase	April	\$ 25,880.25	\$ 2,308.09	\$ 106,215.75
Interest @ 3.30%				
Payable to John Deere Financial				
Final Payment 4/10/2017				
\$24,955.13 - Fire Dept Defibrillator Lease Purchase	Monthly	\$ 8,221.75	\$ 511.49	\$ 2,869.51
Interest @ 6.9%				
\$36,230.85 - Police Dept Vehicles	Mar	\$ 5,622.13	\$ 647.31	\$ 6,804.66
Interest @ 5.60%	Jun	\$ 6,442.90	\$ 741.81	\$ 5,937.94
Payable to Ford Motor Credit CO		\$ 12,065.03	\$ 1,389.12	\$ 12,742.60
Capital Lease Totals		\$ 101,381.03	\$ 9,246.50	\$ 179,505.86
Total Long Term Debt		\$ 224,711.21	\$ 126,140.52	\$ 2,120,875.14

Comparative Statement of Appropriations / Expenditures

	TOTAL APPROPRIATION 2013	TOTAL EXPENDED 2013	TOTAL ENCUMBERED 2013	(OVER) UNDER EXPENDED 2013
Executive Office	\$ 11,986	\$ 9,102	\$ 630	\$ 2,254
Elections & Registrations	30,931	27,969		2,962
Financial Admin	273,979	270,551		3,428
Property Taxation	52,650	51,837		813
Legal & Judicial	15,000	19,921		(4,921)
Personnel Administration	10,000	25		9,975
Ballot Coding	4,300	3,839		461
Planning & Zoning	3,304	6,434		(3,130)
General Government Bldg	35,550	27,020		8,530
Insurance	111,558	106,256		5,302
Advertising & Regional	1,771	1,771		-
Other	1	1,008		(1,007)
Police Department	573,350	512,499		60,851
Detail Wages	3,137	10,845		(7,708)
Ambulance Contract	47,500	45,862		1,638
Fire Department	366,209	342,067		24,142
Building Inspection	9,807	7,283		2,524
Emergency Management	1,000	-		1,000
Highway Administration	230,802	223,120		7,682
Highways & Streets	184,342	194,087		(9,745)
Town Mechanic	75,659	75,302		357
Street Lighting	42,000	41,531		469
Solid Waste Disposal	136,532	124,145		12,387
Health	2,354	1,857		497
Animal Control	3,700	2,500		1,200
General Assistance Administration	4,825	4,857		(32)
General Assistance Services	70,175	64,052		6,123
Voices Against Violence	1,000	1,000		-
Park & Recreation	41,916	44,635		(2,719)
P&R Campground	9,631	8,313		1,318
P&R Programs	37,167	26,186		10,981
P&R After School Program	6,225	4,536		1,689
P&R Community Activities	893	455		438
Library Expenses	59,555	59,555		-
Patriotic Purposes	10,890	8,445		2,245
Trustee's of Trust Funds	646	484		162
Conservation Commission	1,000	1,000		-
Principal Long Term Debt	178,545	178,544		1
Interest Long Term Debt	121,874	121,932		(58)
Interest Tax Anticipation	4,500	-		4,500
Capital Outlay	29,133	28,188		945
Warrant Articles	20,450	20,450		-
Capital Reserve Transfer to Trustees	175,000	175,000		-
TOTAL	\$ 3,000,647	\$ 2,854,464	\$ 630	\$ 145,553
Encumbrances				
Prior Years - Carry Over 2010-2011	\$ 10,224.00	\$ 4,952.00		5,272
Encumbrances Carried into 2013	\$ 71,636.64	\$ 61,636.64		10,000
Total Encumbered	\$ 81,860.64	\$ 66,588.64	\$ -	\$ 15,272.00
GRANTS - Pending				
HEAL GRANT 2012 - 2013	\$ 8,786.31	\$ 1,834.33		\$ 7,151.98
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,091,294	\$ 2,929,838	\$ 630	\$ 160,825

SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUST

December 31, 2013

Balance as of December 31, 2012 \$131,919.11

EXPENSES:	2012	2013
Maintenance	\$ 9,590.81	5,360.75
Supplies	565.50	609.33
Insurance	1,086.03	1196.34
FICA	0	38.26
Bookkeeper	500.00	730.87
Fuel	2,420.55	2,755.06
Misc.	280.00	321.30
Telephone	297.81	363.36
Security	211.48	25.00
Scribner Trustees		1,250.00
TOTAL	\$14,952.18	\$ 12,650.27
INCOME:		
MVSB Interest		\$.39
Transferred Funds-Stock		\$ 10,000.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES:		
MVSB	\$ 4,392.75	\$ 2,007.47
Inc. Fund of America-Value	7,321.74	8,658.56
Cash Balance	0	5.46
Allianceberstein	17,666.04	13,302.84
Capital World Growth	26,560.75	33,157.21
First Eagle FOS Inc	31,281.00	35,189.34
Permanent Portfolio FD	29,782.85	24,101.19
Prudential Jennison	14,913.98	16,417.89
TOTAL	\$131,919.11	\$ 132,839.96

Balance as of December 31, 2013 \$132,839.96

Submitted by:
Richard Pare'
Thomas Peters
Richard Ogden
Elliot Dupuis
Fred Salvonie

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF Ashland ON DECEMBER 31, 2013

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DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	FUND TYPE	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	COMMON TRUST FUND											
	Nonexpendable Trusts						0.00				0.00	0.00
	Cemetery Care Trusts:											
Various	Green Grove Cemetery	Cemetery	MF	7,950.00			7,950.00	517.45	2,493.44		3,010.89	10,960.89
9/18/66	Crimmings & Berry Cemetery	Cemetery	MF	800.00			800.00	2,255.21	974.81		3,230.02	4,030.02
	Library Trusts:											
2/8/77	Pauline Packard Memorial Fund	Library	MF	1,013.39			1,013.39	(17.60)	322.91		305.31	1,318.70
8/7/74	Ordway Cheney	Library	MF	2,109.90			2,109.90	(226.74)	610.64		383.90	2,493.80
5/13/85	Harriet Addison	Library	MF	983.86			983.86	272.27	517.37		789.64	1,773.50
	Memorial Park:											
3/1/95	J. Rollins Trust	Mem.Park		*3578.23								
8/12/93	Memorial Park	Maintenance		*38549.73								
	J.Rollins & Memorial Park *	Mem.Park	MF	42,127.96			42,127.96	5779.2	8838.88		14618.08	56746.04
11/29/12	Blake Fire	Fire Fund	MM	48,432.13			48,432.13	16.64	162.37		179.01	48,611.14
	Expendable Trusts:											
	Capitol Reserve Funds:											
10/13/12	Water Tank		MM	50,087.38	50,000.00		100,087.38		317.12		317.12	100,404.50
12/31/12	Road Improvement		MM	125,000.55	18,035.29		143,035.84		275.39		275.39	143,311.23
3/9/04	Employee Disability Fund	Insurance	MM	2,408.93			2,408.93		28.14		28.14	2,437.07
3/12/02	Ashland Electric		MM	359,604.00	160,000.00	329,157.00	190,446.16		1,076.37		1,076.37	191,522.53
4/1/07	Ashland Water		MM	21,835.31			21,835.31		73.18		73.18	21,908.49
4/1/07	Ashland Sewer		MM	22,228.66			22,228.66		74.50		74.50	22,303.16
4/13/12	Septic Receiving		MM	408,405.30	75,000.00	60,756.60	422,648.70		1,539.83		1,539.83	424,188.53
8/1/11	Town Clock		MM	3,000.00	1,500.00		4,500.00		18.49		18.49	4,518.49
7/10/13	Police Car		MM		25,000.00	24,576.00	424.00		20.80		20.80	444.80
12/31/13	Fire Truck replace or repair		MM		25,000.00		25,000.00		0.02		0.02	25,000.02
	Agency Funds											
	Ashland School District											
1/23/03	School District Special	Insurance	MM	66,280.39			66,280.39		222.14		222.14	66,502.53
12/12/13	School Safety		MM		10,000.00		10,000.00		0.16		0.16	10,000.16
	Scholarship											
5/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	MF	9,336.34			9,336.34	1,510.86	3,447.09		4,957.95	14,294.29
5/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	CK	11.25			11.25	583.79	0.06		583.85	595.10
8/16/87	Edward M. Doggett Memorial	Scholarship	MF	2,012.62			2,012.62	732.20	215.33		947.53	2,960.15
	COMMON TRUST FUND TOTAL				364,535.29	414,489.60	1,123,672.82	11,423.28	21,229.04		32,652.32	1,156,325.14
Special Note: 2013 Warrant Article #5 instructed the Town to place \$125,000 into Road Improvement Capitol Reserve Fund; Only 18,035.29 was provided to Trustees.												

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT - 2013
Submitted by Linda Guyotte, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	TOWN	ELECTRIC	WATER	SEWER
BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2013	\$ 1,853,107.84	\$ 240,927.36	\$ 104,165.61	\$ 218,109.93
DEPOSITS	\$ 6,458,237.43	\$ 3,093,645.93	\$ 182,467.42	\$ 460,766.50
EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,332,612.39	\$ 3,114,505.54	\$ 133,102.66	\$ 373,679.66
INTEREST	\$ 3,031.38	\$ 366.43	\$ 186.52	\$ 608.54
TOTAL	\$ 1,981,764.26	\$ 220,434.18	\$ 153,716.89	\$ 305,805.31
PROOF OF BALANCE 12/31/2013				
MVSB CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 265,670.92	\$ 20,768.44		
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT	\$ 1,716,093.34	\$ 50,047.15	\$ 153,716.89	\$ 35,815.92
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT				\$ 198,152.12
TOTAL MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS	\$ 1,981,764.26	\$ 70,815.59	\$ 153,716.89	\$ 231,968.04
FSB CHECKING ACCOUNT		\$ 45,767.17		\$ 73,837.27
FSB MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT		\$ 103,851.42		
TOTAL FRANKLIN SAVINGS ACCOUNT		\$ 148,618.59		\$ 73,837.27
TOTAL CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2013	\$ 1,981,764.26	\$ 220,434.18	\$ 153,716.89	\$ 305,805.31
ESCROW ACCOUNT LEAVITT HILL PROJECT (PRIVATE FUNDS)				
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 10,000.00			
EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,800.00			
ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2013	\$ 2,200.00			



Roberts & Greene, PLLC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland
Ashland, New Hampshire 03217

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ashland, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Ashland's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the proprietary funds, which represent 100 percent of the assets, net position, and revenues of the business-type activities and the enterprise funds. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the business-type activities and the enterprise funds, is based on the report of the other auditors.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ashland, as of December 31, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 31 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The Town of Ashland has not presented a management's discussion and analysis. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined that the management's discussion and analysis is necessary to supplement, but is not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Town of Ashland. The combining nonmajor and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor and fund schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

May 30, 2013

Robert A. Steere, PLLC

**TOWN OF ASHLAND
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	WATER UTILITY	SEWER UTILITY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	TOTAL
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Receipts from customers and other	\$ 179,325	\$ 436,148	\$ 2,765,841	\$ 3,381,314
Payments to suppliers	(116,887)	(248,161)	(2,135,789)	(2,500,837)
Payments to employees	(17,833)	(17,833)	(225,080)	(260,746)
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>44,605</u>	<u>170,154</u>	<u>404,972</u>	<u>619,731</u>
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:				
Change in interfund balance, net	-	-	-	-
Net cash flows provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:				
Repayment of debt	-	-	(118,395)	(118,395)
Interest paid on municipal revenue bond	-	-	(30,022)	(30,022)
Acquisition of capital assets	-	(60,756)	(434,772)	(495,528)
Net cash flows used for capital and related financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>(60,756)</u>	<u>(583,189)</u>	<u>(643,945)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Interest income	653	3,400	1,443	5,496
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>653</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>1,443</u>	<u>5,496</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	45,258	112,798	(176,774)	(18,718)
Cash - beginning of year	<u>230,482</u>	<u>841,046</u>	<u>592,751</u>	<u>1,464,279</u>
Cash - end of year	<u>\$ 275,740</u>	<u>\$ 753,844</u>	<u>\$ 415,977</u>	<u>\$ 1,445,561</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Operating income (loss)	\$ (114,344)	\$ 61,854	\$ 331,220	\$ 278,830
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation	140,453	100,886	133,759	375,098
(Increase) decrease in assets:				
Accounts receivable	(3,833)	(2,787)	(185,912)	(172,532)
Inventory	-	-	70,385	70,385
Prepaid expenses	-	-	7,963	7,963
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:				
Accounts payable	22,329	10,101	30,777	63,207
Customer deposits	-	-	(3,220)	(3,220)
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>\$ 44,605</u>	<u>\$ 170,154</u>	<u>\$ 404,972</u>	<u>\$ 619,731</u>

**TOWN OF ASHLAND
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	<u>WATER UTILITY</u>	<u>SEWER UTILITY</u>	<u>ELECTRIC UTILITY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
OPERATING REVENUES				
User Charges	\$ 177,839	\$ 438,935	\$ 2,883,348	\$ 3,500,122
Street Lighting	-	-	39,756	39,756
Miscellaneous	5,319	-	11,869	17,188
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>183,158</u>	<u>438,935</u>	<u>2,934,973</u>	<u>3,557,066</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Administration	51,652	44,181	251,296	347,129
Operations	105,397	231,914	2,218,698	2,556,009
Depreciation and amortization	140,453	100,886	133,759	375,098
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>297,502</u>	<u>376,981</u>	<u>2,603,753</u>	<u>3,278,236</u>
OPERATING INCOME	<u>(114,344)</u>	<u>61,954</u>	<u>331,220</u>	<u>278,830</u>
Nonoperating Revenues and (Expenses)				
Gain on sale of asset	-	-	-	0
Interest income	653	3,400	1,443	5,496
Interest expense	-	-	(30,022)	(30,022)
Total Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses	<u>653</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>(28,579)</u>	<u>(24,526)</u>
Change in Net Fund Assets	<u>(113,691)</u>	<u>65,354</u>	<u>302,641</u>	<u>254,304</u>
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>3,865,446</u>	<u>2,640,197</u>	<u>1,369,921</u>	<u>7,875,564</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$ 3,751,755</u>	<u>\$ 2,705,551</u>	<u>\$ 1,672,562</u>	<u>\$ 8,129,868</u>

**TOWN OF ASHLAND
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	<u>WATER UTILITY</u>	<u>SEWER UTILITY</u>	<u>ELECTRIC UTILITY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ASSETS				
Assets				
Cash and equivalents	\$ 275,740	\$ 753,844	\$ 415,977	\$ 1,445,561
Receivables, net of allowance	23,949	26,751	415,686	466,386
Miscellaneous receivable - Leavitt Hill	-	-	144,733	144,733
Inventories	-	-	48,915	48,915
Fixed Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>3,474,660</u>	<u>1,949,478</u>	<u>2,302,088</u>	<u>7,726,226</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,774,349</u>	<u>\$ 2,730,073</u>	<u>\$ 3,327,399</u>	<u>\$ 9,831,821</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Current Liabilities				
Municipal revenue bond - current	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,820	\$ 124,820
Accounts payable	22,594	24,522	225,874	272,990
Customer deposits	-	-	8,543	8,543
Total Current Liabilities	<u>22,594</u>	<u>24,522</u>	<u>359,237</u>	<u>406,353</u>
Long-Term Liability				
Municipal revenue bond	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>731,628</u>	<u>731,628</u>
Net Assets				
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	3,474,660	1,949,478	1,445,640	6,869,778
Unrestricted	<u>277,095</u>	<u>756,073</u>	<u>790,894</u>	<u>1,824,062</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>3,751,755</u>	<u>2,705,551</u>	<u>2,236,534</u>	<u>8,693,840</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 3,774,349</u>	<u>\$ 2,730,073</u>	<u>\$ 3,327,399</u>	<u>\$ 9,831,821</u>

NOTES

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Centers for Senior Services

Horse Meadow Senior Center
(N. Haverhill 787-2539)

Linwood Area Senior Services
(Lincoln 745-4705)

Littleton Area Senior Center
(Littleton 444-6050)

Mascoma Area Senior Center
(Canaan 523-4333)

Newfound Area Senior Services
(Bristol 744-8395)

Orford Area Senior Services
(Orford 353-9107)

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
(Plymouth 536-1204)

Upper Valley Senior Center
(Lebanon 448-4213)

Sponsoring

RSVP & The Volunteer Center
(toll-free 1-877-711-7778)

ServiceLink of Grafton County
(toll-free 1-866-634-9412)

*Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.
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GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2012-13, 136 older residents of Ashland were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center and 45 were served through ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Ashland enjoyed 2,137 balanced meals in the company of friends the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 3,811 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Ashland residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 1,462 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 222 visits with a trained outreach worker and 94 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Ashland's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 1,990 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Ashland residents in 2012-13 was \$76,604.70.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own home and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. *Ashland's population over age 60 has increased by 57.6% over the past 20 years, according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.*

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council would very much appreciate Ashland's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

Supporting aging in community

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Statistics for the Town of Ashland

October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 136 Ashland residents (out of 495 residents over 60, 2010 U.S. Census). ServiceLink served 45 Ashland residents.

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Unit (1) Cost</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	5,948	x	\$8.60	\$	51,152.80
Transportation	Trips	1,462	x	\$12.79	\$	18,698.98
Social Services	Half-hours	222	x	\$21.37	\$	4,744.14
ServiceLink	Contacts	94	x	\$21.37	\$	2,008.78
Activities		232		N/A		

Number of Ashland volunteers: 13 Number of Volunteer Hours: 1,990

GCSCC cost to provide services for Ashland residents only	\$	<u>76,604.70</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2013	\$	<u>6,000.00</u>
Received from Town of Ashland for 2013	\$	<u>6,000.00</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2014	\$	<u>6,600.00</u>

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 56%; Municipalities, County and United Way 11.5%; Client donations 9%; Charitable contributions 20%; Other 3.5%.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION 2012 – 2013 (FY13)

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization enabled by state law and established by its local municipalities to provide communities and the region with the capacity to respond to and shape the pressures of change in a purposeful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to its members. As our economy and world change, so does the work we perform. The Commission offers direct and support services including, but not necessarily limited to, technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazards planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and guidance to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region. Some of the services provided on behalf of the town of Ashland and the region in the past fiscal year are noted below:

OUTREACH

- On behalf of the Ashland Conservation Commission, completed a Coordinated Smart Growth and Natural Resources Assessment, with support from the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation. Provided electronic copies to the town.
- Completed mapping of community assets related to food and exercise activities as part of the town's Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) project. This effort included creating digital maps files of the town's sidewalks.
- Under the guidance of the planning board, completed the second of a three phased update of the town's Master Plan. Support included research, attendance at meetings, report writing, and the preparation of GIS maps.
- Created a map of town parcels that have experienced changes since 1984.
- Addressed questions from town representatives about recommendations in the Pemigewasset River Management Plan as they to the town.
- Completed and submitted the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan Update to NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
- Assisted town officials with the implementation of the town Road Safety Audit.
- Arranged turning movement counts to provide supporting documentation for a Highway Safety Improvement Program application at the intersection of US Route 3 and Main Street in Ashland Center.
- Coordinated with the town administrator and NHDOT Safety Engineer regarding for additional historic accident data to support a need for transportation improvements at the intersec-

tion of US Route 3 and NH Route 132; discussed evaluation process with Federal Highway Administration NH representative.

- Prepared final graphics to represent the results of six morning and afternoon turning movement counts conducted at US Route 3/Main Street intersection in Ashland.
- Reviewed accident reports and provided additional detail to transportation consultant for inclusion in the final Ashland US Route 3/NH Route 132 Road Safety Audit summary report.
- Prepared supporting documentation for the downtown Road Safety Audit. Reviewed, revised and discussed RSA application form completed by the town administrator. Submitted application for NHDOT consideration and discussed project context with NHDOT Highway Safety Engineer. Assisted organizing and participated in the town's Road Safety Audit.
- Corresponded with NHDES staff and town representatives regarding membership in the Pemigewasset Local River Advisory Committee.
- Provided copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations book to the town at considerable savings.

REGIONAL SERVICES

- Conducted an extensive public involvement effort to garner input for the Lakes Region Plan. Activities included attendance at business and community fairs and events, participation in a statistically valid telephone survey for the state and region, an Open House with multiple planning displays, press releases, web announcements and related activities which have reached a thousand or more people.
- Successfully received funding from the NH Department of Environmental Services for two innovative storm water management projects: the construction of a bio-retention garden and the Soak Up the Rain Waukewan project
- Continued work on the Center Harbor Bay subwatershed management plan, and repositioned the project to be completed by the end of 2014. The project will be added to the Winnepesaukee Gateway web site, which is designed to be a source for all of the subwatershed management plans completed in the Winnepesaukee River Watershed.
- Applied for and successfully received two grants from NH Housing to assist targeted communities with workforce housing opportunities.
- Received funding and training from the NH Planners Association to assist communities interested in conducting health impact assessments as part of a community's review of proposed development.
- Assisted members of the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) with the completion of the Pemigewasset River Corridor Management plan, which will help guide planning decisions within the corridor in the future.
- Added a map atlas to www.winnepesaukeegateway.org.
- Completed a Source Water Protection Grant proposal and 319 project summary.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Continued the summer tradition of convening the annual Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste Collections, which were conducted over two consecutive weekends at eight locations. Approximately 1,755 households from 24 Lakes Region communities removed about 19,000 gallons of hazardous products from their homes.
- Over the past two years, 6,000 Flipbooks with tips and recipes for Alternatives to Household

Hazardous Waste have been distributed.

- Continue to participate as a resource to the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility board.

EDUCATION

- Organized and hosted three public Municipal Law Lectures, in cooperation with the NH Local Government Center: 1) Procedural Basics for Planning and Zoning Boards; 2) Religion and Land Use Controls: What Are the Legal Limits? and 3) Innovative Land Use Controls: Reexamining Your Zoning Ordinance.
- Convened six Commission meetings and facilitated discussion on: Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act at One Year: How is it Doing?; The Shoreland Water Quality Act: Are Changes Needed?; NH Department of Transportation Balanced Scoreboard and Audience Participation; Siting Energy Projects in New Hampshire; Milfoil Invasive Species Management Strategies: Challenges and Opportunities; Lakes Region Transportation Improvement Plan.
- Held the 45th LRPC Annual Meeting at Church Landing in Meredith on June 25 with over 150 people in attendance. The keynote speaker was NH Department of Environmental Services Commissioner Thomas Burack, who talked about the environment and energy. The B. Kimball Ayers Award for outstanding, voluntary contributions to environmental protection was presented to Christopher Conrod of Tamworth and Awards of Appreciation were presented to the founding members of the Lakes Region Clean Waters Association: Donald Foudriat, Peter Karagianis, Esther Peters, and James Walker.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Awarded \$200,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Program to conduct additional hazardous material assessments in the region over the next two and a half years. This was the only EPA assessment grant received in NH in the past two years.
- Worked with regional energy leaders to facilitate a meeting of the Lakes Region Energy Alliance to build capacity to identify economic development opportunities related to energy.
- Coordinated with area economic development groups including Belknap Economic Development Council, Grafton County Economic Development Council, Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation, Mount Washington Valley Economic Council, and the Wentworth Economic Development Council in pursuit of workforce development and growth opportunities for the region. Serve on the BEDC Board of Directors.
- Established a Broadband Stakeholders Group to contribute to the development of a regional Broadband Plan. Several meetings have been conducted around the region, as the plan is now in the plan development stages.
- Completed updates of broadband speeds available at key community institutions as part of an ongoing broadband mapping program.
- Convened several meetings of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) committee as part of a major update to the CEDS. The draft CEDS was released for public comment last June and approved by the LRPC in September 2013. It is awaiting approval from the U.S. Economic Development Administration.
- Completed the 2013 Development Trends Report, an annual survey of local development activity.

TRANSPORTATION

- Successfully applied for and received \$400,000 to continue an extensive regional transportation planning program through June 2015.
- Completed more than 170 traffic and turning movement counts around the region.
- Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in regional transportation planning and project development. Updated the TAC Member Guidebook.
- Completed the NH Route 140 Corridor Study, which included the towns of Alton, Belmont, Gilmanton, Northfield and Tilton.
- Assisted with a successful application to fund the expansion of transportation services for the elderly and disabled in Carroll County. Participated in and supported several Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council and Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council meetings. The RCCs advise the State Coordinating Council on public transit issues in their respective locations.
- Conducted preliminary research for the start of the Lakes Region Tour Scenic Byways Plan, which takes in portions of US Route 3, and NH Routes 11, 25, 28, 106 and 109.
- Completed an analysis, including maps, on the potential future demand for the Winnepesaukee Transit System.
- Participated in and reviewed the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) information relative to Lakes Region projects in the Ten Year Plan (TYP) 2013-2022.
- Reviewed and evaluated Lakes Region bridge projects in the state Ten Year Plan in cooperation with District Engineers.
- Represent rural areas of the state as a member of the Safe Routes to School State Advisory Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Five full-time Extension Specialists are based out of our North Haverhill office located in the County Complex. Deborah Maes; Food Safety and Community & Economic Development, Kathleen Jablonski; Youth and Family, Heather Bryant; Food & Agriculture, Dave Falkenham; Natural Resources and Michal Lunak; State Dairy Specialist. Donna Lee serves as Program Coordinator supporting our 4-H Club structure and Master Gardener Volunteers. Lisa Ford, providing Nutrition Education to at-risk audiences, is located at the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth. Kristina Vaughan and Teresa Locke provide office support and initial phone and office contact with our clients. Here are some of our noteworthy impacts during the past year:

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Grafton County Commissioners, the Executive Committee of the Grafton County Delegation and the University of New Hampshire was renewed.

Deb Maes worked with a team of colleagues across the state to reach underserved clients as part of the Granite State Future project. Small individual focus groups as well as regional sessions gave people a chance to talk about their communities and their needs.

Dave Falkenham completed a National Resources Inventory for the town of Easton and also completed site visits on 8000 acres of privately owned forestland throughout the county to help landowners manage their private woodlots.

Heather Bryant is collaborating with the Grafton County Farm to conduct a variety trial of late blight resistant tomatoes.

Donna Lee worked to restructure 4-H club leader trainings that included on-line training modules.

Michal Lunak organized statewide workshops on forage production and dairy feed focusing on growing new forage crops and innovative uses of old forages.

Heather Bryant worked with a state-wide team to prepare for the implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act and its impact on local farms.

Kathy Jablonski helped create a 4-H Healthy Living website as well as a 4-H Club Challenge, promoting the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award and healthy living resources.

Lisa Ford is working in schools to teach good eating habits to students. As a result of her efforts teachers report that students are "connecting physical activity to their hearts and bodies being healthy."

Heather Bryant and colleagues worked to revamp the Pesticide Applicator Training program to become a "flipped classroom" to make it easier for participants to study information prior to the education session.

Volunteer Master Gardeners worked on a Butterfly and Rain Garden Project at the newly remodeled Minot-Sleeper Library in Bristol.

Volunteers serve on the Grafton County Extension Advisory Council and also provide local support for our programs as Covert Cooperators, 4-H Leaders and Master Gardeners. Advisory Council Membership for 2012-2013 included Kathleen Taylor and Martha McLeod, Franconia; Frank Hagan, Bethlehem; Luther Kinney, Sugar Hill; Mary Ames, Bath; Pauline Corzilius, Pike; Joan Pushee, Plymouth, Jon Martin; Bristol; Emilie Shipman, Enfield; Joan Osgood and Hal Covert; Piermont; and Catherine Flynn; North Haverhill. They are joined by State Representative Charles Townsend of Canaan and County Commissioners led by Chair Michal Cryans.

Be sure to look for us on Facebook and Twitter and on-line at www.extension.unh.edu.

Respectfully submitted: Deborah Maes, County Office Administrator

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE **DISTRICT**

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2013 Annual Report

This past year, the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous wastes (HHW). The District held two (2) one-day collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 220 vehicles came to the collections. In 2013 we hired Clean Venture, Inc. to be our contractor. The District was very impressed with the staff's work effort and the professionalism that they exhibited. Both collections ran very smoothly and without any issues.

The total disposal costs were \$21,492 (Down from \$30,860 in 2012). The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,490. It also received \$5,000 from Casella Waste and \$3,500 from North Country Council. The net expenditure for the HHW collections was \$7,502 (a cost of \$.24 per resident). The table below highlights the District's HHW collection data since 2009. The District also coordinated the pickup of fluorescent light bulbs that had been collected at member towns' recycling facilities. Over 44,000 feet of straight fluorescent tubing along with compact fluorescents and other types of fluorescents were recycled.

In 2014, the District will hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 24th) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 27th). Individual residents can help keep the District's disposal costs down and reduce the toxicity of the environment by remembering a few of these helpful tips; Buy only what you need. If you have leftover product, properly store it so it will last. Use biological controls and organic products for pests and diseases in the garden when feasible. Apply chemical pesticides only as a last resort and be sure to follow the directions on the label. Lastly, air-dry your leftover latex paint. When completely dried, latex paint maybe disposed of in your household trash.

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District's meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regards to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District at 838-6822 or by email at pemibakerswd@yahoo.com

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Woods, District Coordinator

2009 - 2013 Program Costs

Year	Program Pop.	# of Veh.	HHW Contractor Expenditures	NHDES HHW Grant	Revenue Non-District Participants/ Other Rev.	Net Expenditures	Cost/ Vehicle	Cost/ Capita
2009 *	29,971	189	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$15,428	\$82	\$.51
2010	30,765	250	\$26,765	\$5,230	\$768	\$20,758	\$83	\$.67
2011	30,765	136	\$17,028	\$6,223	\$80	\$10,725	\$79	\$.35
2012	30,765	229	\$30,860	\$5,305	\$0	\$25,555	\$112	\$.83
2013	31,018	220	\$21,492	\$5,490	\$8,500	\$7,502	\$34	\$.24

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"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

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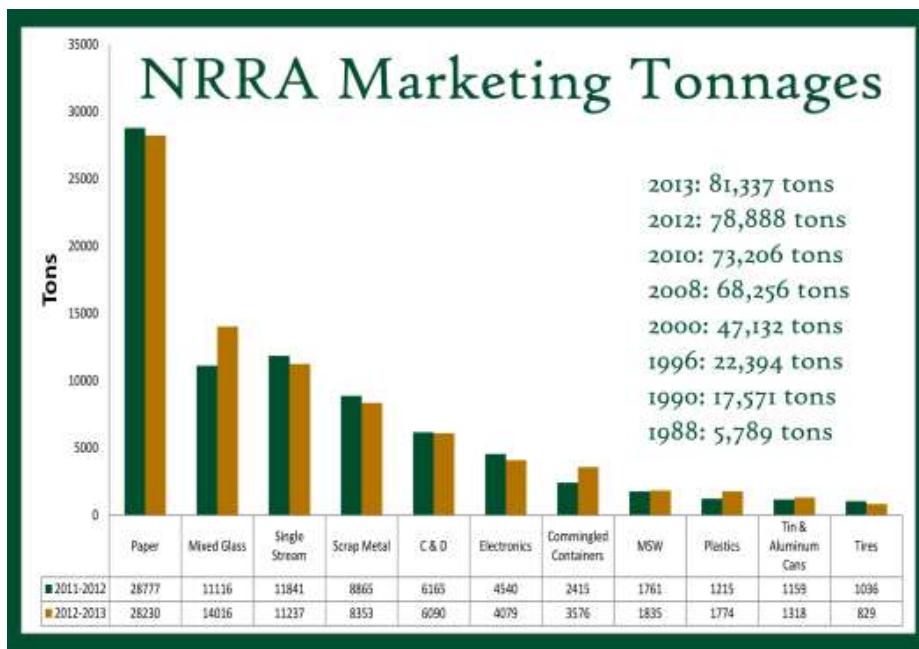
Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 33-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling including solid waste contract negotiations;
- **Cooperative Marketing** to maximize pricing and **Cooperative Purchasing** to minimize costs;
- Current **Market Conditions** and Latest **Recycling Trends, both regionally and nationwide**;
- **Innovative Programs** (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);
- **Educational and Networking Opportunities** through our Annual Recycling Conference, our new Bi-weekly "Full of Scrap" email news, monthly Marketing meetings, website, and Fall Facility Tours;
- **School Recycling Club** - a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;
- **NH DES Continuing Ed Credits**;
- **NH the Beautiful Signs, Grants, Bins and Recyclemobiles.**

The membership has grown to include more than 400 municipalities, businesses and individuals in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. NRRA, as a non-profit organization, is unique in that we do not charge a "brokerage fee" or work to maximize profit gains, but rather has a minimal "Co-op" Fee" which is re-invested to further your recycling programs and solid waste reduction efforts in schools and municipalities.

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 81,337 tons in fiscal year 2012-2013!



Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at www.nrra.net



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Town of Ashland, NH

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2013	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Paper	102.01 tons	Saved 1,734 trees!
Plastics	17.18 tons	Conserved 25,770 gallons of gasoline!
Steel Cans	11,480 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 298,480 hours!



Respect Advocacy Integrity Stewardship Excellence

December 17, 2013

To the Residents of Ashland:

Thank you for investing in Genesis Behavioral Health and contributing to the health, wellness, and safety of our community!

The appropriation we received from the Town of Ashland's 2013 budget helped us support the cost of providing emergency mental health care to the residents of your town.

During Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013), we served **73 Ashland residents and provided emergency services to 8 Ashland residents**. We provided \$11,032.07 in charity care.

Age Range	Number of Patients
Ages 1 – 17	25
Ages 18 – 61	44
Age 62 and over	4

The mental health crisis in New Hampshire is real. We know firsthand that reduced access to mental health care leads to increased demand on many of the systems in our community, including emergency rooms, law enforcement, first responders, courts, corrections, schools and municipalities like yours. The economic cost of untreated mental illness is more than 100 billion dollars each year in the United States, causing unnecessary disability, unemployment, substance abuse, homelessness, inappropriate incarceration, suicide and wasted lives (National Alliance on Mental Illness, 2011).

The repercussions of reduced funding and limited access to mental health care are devastating. Mental health treatment helps people foster fulfilling, relationships, maintain stable employment and contribute to their community. We work with your police and fire departments, as well as local hospitals, to provide emergency services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to **any resident of Ashland** experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

Your investment is an essential component of our funding and is critical to the sustainability of the emergency services program. Genesis Behavioral Health improved the health of 3,274 individuals last year. On behalf of all of them, we thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret M. Pritchard".

Margaret M. Pritchard, Executive Director

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Key Events – 2013: PRLAC completed the multi-year effort to completely re-write the 2001 Pemi River Management Plan which no longer reflected current river conditions. We worked closely with the Lakes Region Planning Commission and North Country Council in this process. The Management Plan (MP) is to the river what a Master Plan is to a town in that it assesses a) where we are today, b) outlines a long term vision, and c) identifies issues we expect to deal with in implementing this vision. The MP can be accessed <http://lakesrpc.org/PRLAC/files/PemiCorrMgmentPlan2013.final.pdf>. The MP was introduced to corridor town Planning Boards by members providing a brief summary of what we have concluded are the major threats to both the quality and quantity of our water resources in the future. Water Quality Testing – in 2013 we expanded our WQ testing program – number of test stations increased from 9 to 10; sampling for E coli/Phosphorous increased from 3 to 4 times per year; and we have added Nitrogen, Nitrates, and Chlorides (salt) to our lab testing effort. The river continues to be impaired for pH (acidity) which means it does not meet pH standards for a Class B river. The river segment near the Ayers Island Dam continues to be listed as impaired for Dissolved Oxygen. Both conditions are considered moderate and not in need of immediate attention. Lab testing results (E coli, Phosphorous, Nitrogen, Nitrates, Chlorides) were well below concern level limits. Lab tests are relevant to both public health and river health. Permit Applications – PRLAC received 7 development permit applications in 2013 all of which had Pemi water quality implications. On-site reviews were conducted on 6 of the applications. All were approved, however, discussion continues on a PRLAC proposed change to one.

Focus in 2014: The extensive MP review process produced ~ 20 areas of concern which are covered in some detail in the Concerns/Recommendations section of the plan. The issue that rose to the top priority is Stormwater Runoff, which is already creating problems in our region such as flooding, erosion, and non-point source pollution. The source of the problem is *impervious surfaces* (paved, built, or otherwise altered areas where water cannot infiltrate) that prevent natural recharge and reduce natural groundwater recharge rates. There is already evidence that this issue is negatively affecting water resources in more developed parts of the state. The problem is complex because it can be caused by poor stormwater management anywhere in our 1000 square mile watershed. It contributes to 80% of surface water impairments in the state. While the state does regulate some non-point sources of stormwater, reducing much of the stormwater runoff is left up to property owners and municipalities through thoughtful property management. Rivers and streams do not recognize town borders yet active participation by municipal entities today is the key to any comprehensive solution. PRLAC will work with corridor town Planning Boards to see what can be done to improve runoff management in our region. The initial focus will be on new development – finding ways to limit post-development runoff to pre-development levels. Encouraging the infiltration of runoff into our groundwater serves both to mitigate flooding and protect needed groundwater supplies. This is not a crisis issue in our region today but there is some urgency in getting runoff mitigation started in 2014.

PRLAC continues to enjoy financial support from 90% of the Pemi Corridor towns, Thornton to Hill, that we work most closely with. All corridor communities receive our monthly meeting agendas and minutes. The public is invited to attend our meetings. For details call the chairman at the number listed below. Thank you for continuing to support protection of this key corridor resource.

Max Stamp, PRLAC Chair – 744-8223



HOME HEALTH • HOSPICE • REHAB THERAPIES • AQUATIC & FITNESS

2013 Annual Report

Pemi-Baker Community Health (PBCH) is a non-profit offering home health, hospice, outpatient rehab, aquatic & fitness memberships, and community services. Our mission is to *improve the health and wellbeing of the communities by providing excellence in health care services through outreach, in-home and facility based programming.*

Health is not a moment in time, but an ongoing adventure. Decisions about being healthy happen from the day we are born until the day we die. PBCH's programs assist members of our community in this journey to become and stay healthy through life and with Hospice we can make the end of life journey one of hope, and dignity while putting the patient/family in the driver's seat. Most of our community members would choose to remain healthy at home and many have been able to realize this possibility.

Town funds are used to match grant funding, to provide services to those with limited or no ability to pay and to augment (as in Hospice care) the cost of services that are not covered through third party payers. The agency is dependent upon charitable donations and town funds to continue to provide services. Our website www.pbhha.org is a resource for the many programs offered at PBCH.

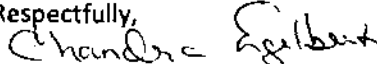
The programs at PBCH are designed to interact with the community and strengthen the many things that make our community healthy. Communication and input is essential so please do not hesitate to call 536-2232 or email me cengelbert@pbhha.org.

Pemi-Baker Community Health is interested in the complete health of the community.

As one person said after meeting the team,

"This might seem logical by just looking at your name, but discussion about local foods, renewable energy, coordination of programs throughout a lifetime were above and beyond our knowledge of you. You are fun. From sitting and talking with you we found you all to be witty and engaging. Last time I sat with my doctor it was tense and awkward. Now we were in a different setting, but we are assuming that this attitude permeates all you do."

Our success is thanks to our skilled, passionate, customer oriented, fun loving staff (they do tend to give above and beyond!) and to a community who has supported us in so many ways. We are known to be friendly and we are in the helping business. We are pleased to be part of the community and touching lives: yours, your family's, your neighbor's with a customer oriented, client centered approach in a partnership to improve health and lives.

Respectfully,

Chandra Engelbert, RN, BSN, MBA
Executive Director

CADY ANNUAL REPORT – 2013

Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-free Youth (CADY) would like to express our deep appreciation to the citizens of Ashland for your 2013 appropriation for youth substance abuse prevention. Since 1999, our community education, youth development programs, partnerships, trainings and outreach have been shattering myths about illicit drug use and underage drinking with science-based facts and building healthy foundations and promising futures for hundreds of local youth. CADY's work promotes the vital relationships and connections youth need to grow and thrive and the tools to prevent the harms of substance abuse: academic failure, crime, suicide attempts, and even death.

Substance misuse is directly linked to our toughest social problems: Addiction; Homelessness; Domestic Violence; Larceny and other forms of Crime. 85% of NH State Prison inmates have drug or alcohol problems or both. Drug-related deaths have quadrupled since 1995. Some employers can't fill jobs because otherwise qualified candidates can't pass drug tests. We cannot afford to incarcerate our way out of this growing problem — we must prevent serious situations from occurring in the first place with evidence-based prevention practices. Prevention is simply the most responsible and cost effective solution to substance abuse.

Our important work could not be accomplished without the participation and dedication of so many. As a non-profit we achieve progress through the efforts of dedicated volunteers and community investment from the towns we serve. We believe every child from Ashland deserves the opportunity to live up to his or her full potential and we dedicate ourselves to that end. One significant and noteworthy accomplishment in 2013 was the Grafton County adoption of a county-wide juvenile justice program under the auspices of the Grafton County Attorney's Office. This initiative led by Representative Mary Cooney provides partial sustainability for the CADY Restorative Justice Program and ensures service delivery for local youth.

To see detailed program information and pictures of local youth participating in skill building activities, youth conferences, and leadership programs, please go to our website at www.cadyinc.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cadyinc.

Your municipal allocation to CADY helped to continue many vital programs and connections that build the potential and promise of Ashland youth. Our energy and commitment for continuing our work is strong. While we are proud of our many successes, we have a long way to go. Still too many young people are engaging in dangerous behaviors—the need for a local safety net against substance use is great. In these challenging economic times, support from the town of Ashland is more important than ever and is greatly appreciated. This is our chance to thank you for your partnership—and for sharing our vision of safe and drug-free communities—together we will continue to make a powerful difference for our children and prevent the harms and high costs associated with substance use.

Sincerely,
Deb Naro
Executive Director

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2014

WARRANT AND BUDGETS

**TOWN OF ASHLAND
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2014 WARRANT**

AS AMENDED AT FEBRUARY 1, 2014 MEETING

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

First Session – You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held at the William J. Tirone Gymnasium, 27 Highland Street, Ashland, New Hampshire, on the 1st day of February 2014, being Saturday at 1:00 pm. The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of each of the following articles and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

Second Session – You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect Town Officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the William J. Tirone Gymnasium, 27 Highland Street, Ashland, New Hampshire on the 11th day of March 2014, being Tuesday, the polls to be open at 8:00 am and may not close prior to 7:00 pm to act upon the following:

ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

Member Board of Selectmen – 3year term – 2 positions

Member Board of Selectmen – 1 year term – 1 position

Town Treasurer – 3 year term

Town Moderator – 2 year term

Town Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 year term

Library Trustee – 3 year term

Supervisor of the check list – 6 year term

Electric Commissioner – 3 year term

Water and Sewer Commissioner – 3 year term

Budget Committee – 3 year term (two positions)

Cemetery Trustee – 3 year term

ARTICLE 2 - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments as recommended by the Planning Board to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Question #1 – Are you in favor of adding Section 2.3f to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance which defines setback regulations near cemeteries?

Purpose: To define setbacks in accordance with the zone that the cemetery is located in.

Question #2 – Are you in favor of the adoption of the Ordinance for Large Wind Energy Systems (LWES) as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Purpose: The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide local control for the development and use of wind power as an alternative energy source, benefitting both the economy and the environment, while protecting public health, safety, property values, wildlife and general welfare; preserving environmental, historic and scenic resources; controlling Sound Pressure Levels and preventing electromagnetic interference. This Ordinance provides a permitting process to ensure compliance with requirements and standards established therein (an application procedure that includes required surveys and studies; acknowledging easements and leases; accessibility to purchase power for local use; ongoing requirements for monitoring and reporting; addressing public inquiries and complaints; enforcement and penalties; decommissioning and financial assurance).

ARTICLE 3 - Estimated Tax impact for first year bond payment is 52 cents

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee.

We the undersigned registered voters of Ashland, do hereby petition that the following article be placed on the warrant for the 2014 Annual Ashland Town Meeting: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00) for the purchase, renovating and furnishing of the former elementary school property (41 School Street) from Tri-County Community Action Program for the use of the Ashland Town Library; and to authorize the issuance of not more than nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon: and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or private funds that may become available for this purpose. (This is a Petitioned article-60% majority vote required)

The Board of Selectmen recommended this article 2-1

The Budget Committee do not recommend this article 4-2-1

ARTICLE 4 - Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$6,210,871** Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$6,130,645** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

General Operating Budget Town	\$2,622,700
Electric Department	\$3,105,968
Water	\$ 178,548
Sewer	\$ 303,655

ARTICLE 5 - Estimated Tax impact is 3.9 cents

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement for Forty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$47,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Transfer Station mini loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for the first year payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-1

ARTICLE 6 - Estimated Tax impact is 14.9 cents

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty four Thousand dollars (\$34,000) for the purchase of a pickup truck with plow for the Public Works Department.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1
The Budget Committee do not recommend this article 4-2

ARTICLE 7 - Estimated Tax impact is 54.8 cents

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-0

ARTICLE 8 - Estimated Tax impact is 11 cents

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing police department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-1

ARTICLE 9 - Estimated Tax impact is 21.9 cents

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-0

ARTICLE 10 - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for

the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

ARTICLE 11 - To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2014.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0
The Budget Committee do not recommend this article 4-2

ARTICLE 12 -

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend donations up to a total of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) for the purpose of the Fourth of July celebrations.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2

ARTICLE 13 - Estimated Tax impact is 4.1 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$9,342) for Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization) for the purpose of providing uninsured and under-insured residents of the Town with quality home health care. The sum amounts to Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50) per resident based upon recent census data and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. (Home care provided by Pemi-Baker Community Health to uninsured and under-insured patients helps the Town limit welfare payments for medical services.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1

ARTICLE 14 - Estimated Tax impact is 0.4 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization) for the purpose of supporting the local court diversion program to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing offender accountability, ensuring restitution to victims and potentially saving the Town many thousands of dollars in placement costs at juvenile detention facilities. (During the last five years CADY has served seven juvenile offenders from Ashland, providing services that saved the Town many thousands of dollars).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
The Budget Committee do not recommend this article 5-2

ARTICLE 15 - Estimated Tax impact is 1.4 cents

Petitioned Article: We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ashland do hereby petition the 2014 Annual Town Meeting to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,107.00 for Tri-County Community Action for the purposes of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland. Through the efforts of Tri-County Community Action the citizens of Ashland have received a total of \$110,924.21 in funds for essential services for this fiscal year, an increase in \$3,848.21 from the previous year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-2

ARTICLE 16 - Estimated Tax impact is 1.2 cents

Petitioned Article: The following registered voters in the Town of Ashland respectfully request that the below article be placed on the town warrant: The Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$2,700 to Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center servicing Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. We served 3,274 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2013, 73 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided Emergency Services to 8 Ashland residents in Fiscal Year 2013. We provided \$11,032.07 in charitable care to Ashland residents.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1

ARTICLE 17 - Estimated Tax impact is 1.1 cents

Petitioned Article: We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ashland request you to insert in the warrant for the 2014 Town meeting the following article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of providing, food, shelter, support -services to participants at the Bridge House. Veterans are a priority.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-2

ARTICLE 18 - Estimated Tax impact is 2.9 cents

Petitioned Article: We registered voters in the Town of Ashland present this petitioned article to be included in the 2014 Town of Ashland Warrant: Shall the voters raise and appropriate Six thousand and six hundred dollars (\$6,600.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2014. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support and more. In FY2013, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 136 Ashland residents and ServiceLink provided services for 45 residents. The cost of these services was \$76,604.70.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-2

ARTICLE 19 - Estimated Tax impact is 1.1 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) for the fiscal year 2013-2014 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
The Budget Committee do not recommend this article 4-3

ARTICLE 20 - Estimated Tax impact is 6.6 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of the RSA 31:19-a for the purposes of funding matching grants for maintenance, repair, training and equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. These monies will not be used for Ashland Utilities.

The Board of Selectmen failed to recommend this article 1-1
The Budget Committee recommended this article 5-0

ARTICLE 21 -

Petitioned Article: By petition of the undersigned REGISTERED voters of the town of Ashland, NH to see if the town would vote to require the town to: Re-open the Mechanic Street Parking LOT off of Main Street to overnight parking as it has been used for many years until recently. The town shall post the signs that require those using the parking lot to not park there during impending snow/ice storms until the lot is plowed.

ARTICLE 22 -

Petitioned Article: Shall the Town of Ashland **adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict** Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Two Dollars (\$48,802) each year of **revenue from the Water Department user fees** to expend for the **purpose of offsetting the general obligation bonds** previously established for this department currently paid through general taxation? Such revenues and expenditures shall **be accounted** for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Water Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund, water fund and sewer fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus, water fund accumulated surplus or sewer fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. This warrant article is contingent on the passage of the next warrant article. **Petitioned Article (Majority ballot vote required)**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
The Budget Committee failed to recommend this article 2-2-3

ARTICLE 23 -

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$48,802 for this year's water bond payment with \$48,802 coming from the Water Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund and to authorize the withdrawal from the Water Bonds Offset Fund in the amount of \$48,802 already included in the operating budget. This article is contingent on the passage of the previous warrant article establishing the Water Bond Offset Special Revenue Fund. The passage of this article will reduce the Town's operating budget by \$48,802.

The Board of Selectmen recommended this article 3-0

The Budget Committee do not recommend this article 4-1

ARTICLE 24 -

Petitioned Article: Shall the Town of Ashland **adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict** Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Two Dollars (\$48,802) each year of **revenue from the Sewer Department user fees** to expend for the purpose of offsetting the general obligation bonds previously established for this department currently paid through general taxation? Such revenues and expenditures shall **be accounted** for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Sewer Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund, water fund and sewer fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus, water fund accumulated surplus or sewer fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. This warrant article is contingent on the passage of the next warrant article. Petitioned Article (Majority ballot vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

The Budget Committee failed to recommend this article 2-2-3

ARTICLE 25 -

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$48,802 for this year's sewer payment with \$48,802 coming from the Sewer Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund and to authorize the withdrawal from the Sewer Bonds Offset Fund in the amount of \$48,802 already included in the operating budget. This article contingent on the passage of the previous warrant article establishing the Sewer Bond Offset Special Revenue Fund. The passage of this article will reduce the Town's operating budget by \$48,802.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this article 3-0

The Budget Committee do not recommend this article 4-1

ARTICLE 26 -

Petitioned Article: Shall the Town of Ashland Authorize the Town to transfer, sell, convey, dispose or assign all of the real and personal property and rights constituting the Squam Lake Dam Hydroelectric generating facility, located at the outlet of Little Squam Lake, including a Lease Agreement between the Town Electric Department and the State of New Hampshire dated May 27, 1981 with terms and conditions to be determined by the Commissioners of the Town Electric Department. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 27 -

Petitioned Article: Shall the town adopt a procedure whereby any proposal to sell all or substantially all of the Town's electric, water or sewer utility assets, other than land and buildings, must be presented to the board of selectmen and placed on the agenda for discussion at no less than two public meetings, duly noticed in accordance with RSA 91-A, at least one year apart. If, subsequent to those public meetings, the board of selectmen votes to approve such proposal, a warrant article shall be placed on the general ballot for approval by 2/3 of all the voters present and voting at the next annual meeting following the second such public meeting.

BUDGET OF A TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

OF: ASHLAND, NH

BUDGET FORM FOR A TOWN WHICH HAS ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): _____

JANUARY 27, 2014

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Mayrae Spadoni

Alana Roth

Francis Newton

Jaqueline J. Lewis

Paul Mull

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)230-5090

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive	3	11986	9102	10925		10925	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	3	35231	31808.75	41654		41654	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	3	273979	270551	309019	267	309286	
4152	Revaluation of Property	3	52650	51837	19600		19600	
4153	Legal Expense	3	15000	19921	15000		15000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	3	10000	25	3000		3000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	3	3304	6434	3379		3379	
4194	General Government Buildings	3	35550	27020	85680		75681	9999
4195	Cemeteries	3						
4196	Insurance	3	111558	106256	115324		115324	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	3	1771	1771	1771		1771	
4199	Other General Government	3	1	921	1		1	
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police	3	573269	518876	557210	1020	558230	
4215-4219	Ambulance	3	47500	45862	47500		47500	
4220-4229	Fire	3	366209	342067	221751		221751	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	3	9807	7283	11709		11709	
4290-4298	Emergency Management	3	1000	0	2056		2056	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration	3	259935	251308	304150		304150	
4312	Highways & Streets	3	184342	194087	214486		214486	
4313	Bridges							

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HIGHWAYS & STREETS (cont.)								
4316	Street Lighting	3	42000	41531	41531		41531	
4319	Other	3	75659	75302	77530		77530	
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	3	136532	124145	150458		149158	1300
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration	3	2354	1857	2354		2354	
4414	Pest Control	3	3700	2500	2700		2700	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other							
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	3	75000	68909	63690		63690	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payemnts	3	19950	19950	30149		26749	3400
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	3	95832	84125	109352		99118	10234
4550-4559	Library	3	59555	59555	60355		60355	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	3	10690	84445	23189		23189	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	3	646	646	646		646	
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	3	1000	1000	1250		1250	
4619	Other Conservation							
REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING								
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing							
4651-4659	Economic Development							
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	178545	178544	138545		138545	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	121874	121932	71206		71206	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3	4500	0	4500		1	4499
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	- Sewer	3	275420	209702	303655		303655	
	- Water	3	147068	113447	178548		178548	

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	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT (cont.)							
	- Electric	3	3105912	2550698	3105968		3105968	
	- Airport							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
	OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL		6304464	5504432	6232614	1020	6207871	29432

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to or from a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	5,7,8,	175000	175000	200000		200000	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund	6	1500	1500		15000	15000	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
	Petitioned Articles/services	20,21,22,24	18950	18950	30149		26749	3400
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			195450		230149		241749	

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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	Public Works Loader/Lease	4	29133	28188				
	Transfer Station Mini Loader/Lease				9000		9000	
	Public Works Pick-up & Plow				34000			34000
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			29133		43000		9000	

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		173	1	1
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		2011	1	1
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		41577	61701	61701
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		58368	60000	60000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		298127	270000	270000
3230	Building Permits		9425	8920	8920
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		12333	10475	10475
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		92800	92800	92800
3353	Highway Block Grant		47746	47955	47955
3354	Water Pollution Grant		50242	30500	30500
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		40	38	38
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		26310	20792	20792
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		174780	170925	170925
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		2674	2500	2500
3503-3509	Other				
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN (cont.)					
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		314082	303655	303655
	Water - (Offset)		138464	178548	178548
	Electric - (Offset)		2165130	3105968	3105968
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		24546		
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts Voted From Fund Balance				
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			5482579	4310779	4310779

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	6304464	6232614	6130645
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	195450	230149	241749
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	29133	43000	9000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	6529047	6505763	6381394
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	5482579	4310779	4310779
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised		2194984	2070615

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: _____
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

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**Town of Ashland
Minutes of Deliberative Session
February 1, 2014**

In accordance with the legally posted warrant Moderator Bobbi Hoerter called the Deliberative session to order at 1 PM. Officials at the head table were Board of Selectmen Jeanette I. Stewart, Philip Preston, Normand DeWolfe; TA Paul Branscombe; Legal Council Steven Whitley; Finance Officer Brenda Paquette; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Budget Committee members Sandra Coleman, David Ruell, David Toth, Fran Newton, Ingrid Heidenreich, Mardean Badger

ARTICLE 1 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS – *Moderator Hoerter read the slate of officers*

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

Member Board of Selectmen – 3year term – 2 positions

Normand DeWolfe, Jamie Lyford, Steve Felton, Miriam Brown, John C. Hughes

Member Board of Selectmen – 1 year term – 1 position

Frances Newton, Harold Lamos, Anthony Hoerter, Ron Niles

Town Treasurer – 3 year term – Linda Guyotte

Town Moderator – 2 year term – Bobbi Hoerter

Town Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 year term – Richard Pare

Library Trustee – 3 year term - David Ruell,

Supervisor of the check list – 6 year term - Teri Linden

Electric Commissioner – 3 year term - Daniel Vaughn

Water and Sewer Commissioner – 3 year term - Ellison Badger

Budget Committee – 3 year term (two positions)

Sandra Coleman, Harold Lamos, Ingrid Heidenreich

Cemetery Trustee – 3 year term – Sherrie Downing

ARTICLE 2 – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments as recommended by the Planning Board to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Question #1 – Are you in favor of adding Section 2.3f to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance which defines setback regulations near cemeteries?

Purpose: To define setbacks in accordance with the zone that the cemetery is located in.

Question #2 – Are you in favor of the adoption of the Ordinance for Large Wind Energy Systems (LWES) as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Purpose: The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide local control for the development and use of wind power as an alternative energy source, benefitting both the economy and the envi-

ronment, while protecting public health, safety, property values, wildlife and general welfare; preserving environmental, historic and scenic resources; controlling Sound Pressure Levels and preventing electromagnetic interference. This Ordinance provides a permitting process to ensure compliance with requirements and standards established therein (an application procedure that includes required surveys and studies; acknowledging easements and leases; accessibility to purchase power for local use; ongoing requirements for monitoring and reporting; addressing public inquiries and complaints; enforcement and penalties; decommissioning and financial assurance).

These two articles will appear as written on a separate zoning ballot.

This article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Planning Board Chairman Susan Macleod explained that the purpose of question #2 was to give the town some leverage if any projects were to come before the planning board.

ARTICLE 3 – Estimated Tax impact for first year bond payment is 52 cents

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-re commendation of the Budget Committee.

We the undersigned registered voters of Ashland, do hereby petition that the following article be placed on the warrant for the 2014 Annual Ashland Town Meeting: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00) for the purchase, renovating and furnishing of the former elementary school property (41 School Street) from Tri-County Community Action Program for the use of the Ashland Town Library; and to authorize the issuance of not more than nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon: and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or private funds that may become available for this purpose. (This is a Petitioned article-60% majority vote required)

The Board of Selectmen failed to recommend this article 1-1
The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 4-2-1

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Power Point presentation was given by the Library Trustees. Discussion was heard. Attorney Whitley informed those present that the article as written lacked a way to raise and appropriate funds; therefore if the article were to pass the town would need to structure the first bond payment for 2015.

Article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 4 - Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$6,207,871** Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$6,130,645** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

General Operating Budget Town	\$2,619,700
Electric Department	\$3,105,968
Water	\$ 178,548
Sewer	\$ 303,655

The article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Motion to amend article to restore \$3000 to the grant line under general government – Preston; seconded; discussion – Attorney Whitley that the amendment can not specify where the funds if restored were to go.

Motion to amend the amendment to restore \$3000 to the general operating budget – Preston; seconded; voted in the affirmative by showing of hands.

Motion to add to the end of the article [before the breakdown of numbers] “The operating and default budgets will be reduced contingent upon the passage of warrant articles 22,23,24,25.” – Anne Abear; seconded; Attorney Whitley stated that this article is written according to statute and the wording can not be amended. Ms. Abear stated that the Department of Revenue Administration informed her that this could be done. Moderator Hoerter found this amendment not to be legal [upon advice of town council] and was dismissed.

Increases in the budget were discussed including salary increases for contracted employees including new 29 hour/week fire chief.

ARTICLE 5 - Estimated Tax impact is 3.9 cents

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement for Forty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$47,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Transfer Station mini loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for the first year payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-1

The article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Discussion – PWD Paquette stated that this new piece of equipment would replace the 1984 skid steer and 1975 forklift at the transfer station.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 6 - Estimated Tax impact is 14.9 cents

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty four Thousand dollars (\$34,000) for the purchase of a pickup truck with plow for the Public Works Department.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 4-2

The article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Discussion – PWD Paquette stated that this truck would replace the 1985 army surplus truck which has no plow; would be a purchase not a lease; the board of Selectmen found the donation of the old water and sewer truck not cost effective.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 7 - Estimated Tax impact is 54.8 cents

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-0

The article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Discussion was that funds were needed for future road improvements

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 8 - Estimated Tax impact is 11 cents

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing police department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-1

The article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Discussion – Chief Randall stated that this would be for future vehicle replacement scheduled for 2015.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 9 - Estimated Tax impact is 21.9 cents

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-0

The article was read by Moderator Hoerter. Discussion – Chief Heath stated that this would be for future needs of the department.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 10 - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

The article was read by the moderator. Town Administrator spoke in of the need to have this pass in order to make adjustment to fees when necessary.

Motion to amend article to add “public” before hearing – Kathy Jaquith; seconded; discussion for and against this article; vote on the article as amended was declared in the affirmative by a showing of hands.

Article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 11 - To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2014.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 4-2

The article was read by the moderator. Explanation of purpose of the article was presented by Patricia Tucker. Discussion ensued for and against.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

*****Motion to waive verbatim reading of the articles moving forward – Ann Manwaring; seconded; hand vote in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend donations up to a total of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) for the purpose of the Fourth of July celebrations.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2

No discussion – article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 13 - Estimated Tax impact is 4.1 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$9,342) for Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization) for the purpose of providing uninsured and under-insured residents of the Town with quality home health care. The sum amounts to Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50) per resident based upon recent census data and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. (Home care provided by Pemi-Baker Community Health to uninsured and under-insured patients helps the Town limit welfare payments for medical services.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1

No discussion - article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 14 - Estimated Tax impact is 0.4 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization) for the purpose of supporting the local court diversion program to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing offender accountability, ensuring restitution to victims and potentially saving the Town many thousands of dollars in placement costs at juvenile detention facilities. (During the last five years CADY has served seven juvenile offenders from Ashland, providing services that saved the Town many thousands of dollars).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 5-2

Discussion – Chief Randall answered question about town participation with this organization.

Article will appear on the ballot as written.

***Motion to limit reconsideration of all articles to this point – Heindenreich; seconded; vote in the affirmative by hand vote.

ARTICLE 15 - Estimated Tax impact is 1.4 cents

Petitioned Article: We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ashland do hereby petition the 2014 Annual Town Meeting to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,107.00 for Tri-County Community Action for the purposes of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland. Through the efforts of Tri-County Community Action the citizens of Ashland have received a total of \$110,924.21 in funds for essential services for this fiscal year, an increase in \$3,848.21 from the previous year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-2

No discussion - article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 16 - Estimated Tax impact is 1.2 cents

Petitioned Article: The following registered voters in the Town of Ashland respectfully request that the below article be placed on the town warrant: The Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$2,700 to Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center servicing Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. We served 3,274 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2013, 73 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided Emergency Services to 8 Ashland residents in Fiscal Year 2013. We provided \$11,032.07 in charitable care to Ashland residents.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1

No discussion - article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 17 - Estimated Tax impact is 2.2 cents

Petitioned Article: We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ashland request you to insert in the warrant for the 2014 Town meeting the following article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of providing, food, shelter, support -services to participants at the Bridge House. Veterans are a priority.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-1

Motion to amend amount to \$2500 – Tucker; seconded; discussion; declared to pass in the affirmative by hand vote; no further discussion

Article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 18 - Estimated Tax impact is 2.9 cents

Petitioned Article: We registered voters in the Town of Ashland present this petitioned article to be included in the 2014 Town of Ashland Warrant: Shall the voters raise and appropriate Six thousand and six hundred dollars (\$6,600.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2014. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support and more. In FY2013, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 136 Ashland residents and ServiceLink provided services for 45 residents. The cost of these services was \$76,604.70.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-2

No discussion - article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 19 - Estimated Tax impact is 1.1 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) for the fiscal year 2013-2014 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
The Budget Committee does not recommend this article 4-3

Motion to amend to \$1200 – Tucker; seconded; discussion; motion found to have failed by hand vote.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 20 - Estimated Tax impact is 6.6 cents

Petitioned Article: To see if the town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of the RSA 31:19-a for the purposes of funding matching grants for maintenance, repair, training and equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

The Board of Selectmen failed to recommend this article 1-1
The Budget Committee recommended this article 6-1

Discussion ensued. Motion to add sentence to end of article – “These monies will not be used for the utilities” – Less Nichols; seconded; discussion – advised to add “Ashland” before utilities; amendment to read – “These monies will not be used for the Ashland Utilities” – Stewart; seconded; vote in the affirmative by hand vote.

David Toth stated that the article was to preserve unused funds as they would carryover into the next year.

Clarification of who would be eligible for these matching funds [would it include any properties under the jurisdiction of the Town of Ashland] was asked for.

Motion to add “that the matching funds be available for any properties under the jurisdiction of the Town of Ashland – Lis Cody – no second

Moderator declared a 5 minute recess at 4:05 PM.

Following the recess Attorney Whitley stated that the amendment was not necessary because of the statutory authority given in 31:19-a.

Chairman Stewart answered a question as to how the funds would be allocated – as it was a petitioned article the selectmen have not had discussions related to it.

Lis Cody withdrew her amendment.

Article will appear on the ballot as amended

ARTICLE 21

Petitioned Article: By petition of the undersigned REGISTERED voters of the town of Ashland, NH to see if the town would vote to require the town to: Re-open the Mechanic Street Parking LOT off of Main Street to overnight parking as it has been used for many years until recently. The town shall post the signs that require those using the parking lot to not park there during impending snow/ice storms until the lot is plowed.

Non resident Fran Wendelboe was given permission to speak by the voters regarding this article.

Attorney Whitley stated that if this article were to pass it has no binding affect. State law has given the selectmen authority on how to use town property.

Article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 22

Petitioned Article: Shall the Town of Ashland adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Two Dollars (\$48,802) each year of revenue from the Water Department user fees to expend for the purpose of offsetting the general obligation bonds previously established for this department currently paid through general taxation? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Water Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund, water fund and sewer fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus, water fund accumulated surplus or sewer fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. This warrant article is contingent on the passage of the next warrant article. Petitioned Article (Majority ballot vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

The Budget Committee failed to recommend this article 2-2-3

Anne Abear asked Attorney Whitley if he had any concerns about the article – answered no. Article was explained and discussed.

Article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 23

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$48,802 for this year's water bond payment with \$48,802 coming from the Water Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund and to authorize the withdrawal from the Water Bonds Offset Fund in the amount of \$48,802 already included in the operating budget. This article contingent on the passage of the previous warrant article establishing the Water Bond Offset Special Revenue Fund. The passage of this article will reduce the Town's operating budget by \$48,402.

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article 3-0
The Budget Committee failed to recommend this article 2-2-3

Motion to amend amount on last line as written from \$48,402 to \$48,802 – Anne Abear; seconded; voted in the affirmative by hand vote.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 24

Petitioned Article: Shall the Town of Ashland adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Two Dollars (\$48,802) each year of revenue from the Sewer Department user fees to expend for the purpose of offsetting the general obligation bonds previously established for this department currently paid through general taxation? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Sewer Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund, water fund and sewer fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus, water fund accumulated surplus or sewer fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. This warrant article is contingent on the passage of the next warrant article. Petitioned Article (Majority ballot vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0
The Budget Committee failed to recommend this article 2-2-3

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 25

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$48,802 for this year's sewer payment with \$48,802 coming from the Sewer Bonds Offset Special Revenue Fund and to authorize the withdrawal from the Sewer Bonds Offset Fund in the amount of \$48,802 already included in the operating budget. This article contingent on the passage of the previous warrant article establishing the Sewer Bond Offset Special Revenue Fund. The passage of this article will reduce the Town's operating budget by \$48,402.

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article 3-0
The Budget Committee failed to recommend this article 2-2-3

Motion to amend amount on last line as written from \$48,402 to \$48,802 – Anne Abear; seconded; voted in the affirmative by hand vote.

Article will appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 26

Petitioned Article: Shall the Town of Ashland Authorize the Town to transfer, sell, convey, dispose or assign all of the real and personal property and rights constituting the Squam Lake Dam Hydroelectric generating facility, located at the outlet of Little Squam Lake, including a Lease Agreement between the Town Electric Department and the State of New Hampshire dated May 27, 1981 with terms and conditions to be determined by the Commissioners of the Town Electric Department. (Majority Vote Required)

Electric Commissioner Dan Vaughn spoke on this article stating that keeping the lease is not cost affective. No electricity has been generated for over 10 years.

Article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 27

Petitioned Article: Shall the town adopt a procedure whereby any proposal to sell all or substantially all of the Town's electric, water or sewer utility assets, other than land and buildings, must be presented to the board of selectmen and placed on the agenda for discussion at no less than two public meetings, duly noticed in accordance with RSA 91-A, at least one year apart. If, subsequent to those public meetings, the board of selectmen votes to approve such proposal, a warrant article shall be placed on the general ballot for approval by 2/3 of all the voters present and voting at the next annual meeting following the second such public meeting.

Lee Nichols addressed this article.

Attorney Whitley stated that if this article were to pass it can not be enforced

Article will appear on the ballot as written.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:21 PM – Preston; seconded and declared adjourned by hand vote.

Patricia Tucker, CTC
Town Clerk - Ashland

NOTES

IMPORTANT DATES

January 1	Fiscal Year Begins
February 1	Deliberative Session 1 PM – Ashland School Gym
March 1	Deadline for Tax Abatements
March 11	Official Balloting Day 8AM – 7PM – Ashland School Gym
April 1	All Real Property Assessed to Owner
April 15	Deadline for religious, educational, and charitable organizations to file annual list of all exempt property with assessing officials
April 15	Deadline for Credits/Exemptions for year preceding setting of tax rate
April 15	Last day to file Report of Cut for 2012-2013 year
April 15	Last day to file Current Use Application for 2013 year
April 30	2013 Dog Tags expire
July 1	First Issue 2014 Tax Bill due
December 1	Second Issue 2014 Tax Bill due
December 31	Fiscal Year Ends

MEETING SCHEDULES

Subject to change with notice

Board of Selectmen	First Monday of the Month
Work Session	Second Wednesday of the Month – Time TBA
Planning Board	First Wednesday of the Month 7PM at Ashland School Library
Work Session	Third Wednesday 6:30PM Town Hall
Zoning Board	Scheduled as Needed – Posted at Town Hall and Post Office
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesday of the Month 6:30PM – Town Office
Housing Standards	Second Wednesday of the Month 4PM – Fire Station
Budget Committee	Second Thursday of the Month – 6PM – Location TBA
Electric Commissioners	Second/Fourth Tuesday – 7PM-Utility Office
Water/Sewer Commissioners	First /Third Tuesday – 7PM –Utility Office